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ALABAMA STATE EVENTS.

Items of Interest Gathered as They Transpire Over the Entire State.

Killed by Train.

Bessemer, Ala.—Suttle Lemmonds, a young white man employed as switchman on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, was instantly killed in the yards of the company at this place by being run over by cars of the company. His head was entirely severed from the body by the wheels of a car passing over him.

Fears for Lumber Schooner.

Mobile, Ala.—Fears are entertained here for the Norwegian schooner Laguna, owned by the Mexican Steamship Company, of Mobile, which sailed from this port September 28 for Colon, Panama, carrying 350,000 feet of pine lumber. She was in charge of Capt. Otto Grunberg and had a crew of nine. The ordinary voyage to Colon from Mobile is three weeks.

Masons Will Meet.

Montgomery, Ala.—The high Masonic bodies of Alabama met in Montgomery in their annual session, beginning Monday morning and last through Thursday. During that time probably 800 leading Masons of the state were in attendance, and the eyes of all Masons in Alabama were turned in the direction of the handsome temple on the corner of Perry and Washington streets.

Lauderdale Rural Delivery.

Florence, Ala.—Another extension has been made in the rural free delivery service of Lauderdale county, effecting route No. 5, out of Florence. Eleven miles of territory are traversed, covering a thickly populated region. Dr. James T. Pitt, the Florence postmaster, has been indefatigable in his efforts to improve the mail service in this county, and it is now probably the best in the state.

Immigrants Coming.

Birmingham, Ala.—A large number of immigrants from various points in Europe are expected to arrive in Birmingham the last of this week or the first of next week. Frank V. Evans, who represents the Alabama Immigration department and who is stationed at Ellis Island, out from New York, has wired Immigration Commissioner Ross C. Smith that a large number of immigrants had arrived on the island and that they would be headed for Alabama at the earliest possible moment.

Attempted Suicide.

Birmingham, Ala.—C. W. Harrison, a carpenter of Avondale, walked into a little grocery store in this city and, handling the proprietor an empty bottle, which was marked "laudanum," stated that he was tired of living and if that didn't kill he would take morphine. The police were notified and Harrison was sent to the police headquarters, and the city physician, Dr. Hayes, went to work, resuscitating the man. The only reason given by Harrison for his rash attempt was that he "was tired of living." Harrison is 38 years of age and has a family.

Florence Is Ready for Election.

Florence, Ala.—A very light vote will be polled at the city election next Tuesday, the registration books having closed with only 623 names enrolled. Of this number about eighty-three are disqualified from various causes, leaving only 540 eligible to vote. The campaign is waxing hotter as the days go by, with Walker a 2 to 1 favorite in the betting and McFarland money hard to find at that.

Cline Is Held.

Anniston, Ala.—Wm. Cline, charged with cold blooded murder of W. G. Phillips a few days ago, and his son, Jake Cline, charged with being an accessory to the crime, were given a preliminary hearing before Judge Emmett F. Crook in the county court, and upon the evidence offered William was remanded to jail without bond to await the action of the grand jury, and his son, Jake, was discharged. The verdict of the coroner's jury in finding Cline guilty of murder in the first degree was sustained by Judge Crook.

Woman Asks Damages.

Birmingham, Ala.—Serena Leuch has filed suit in the city court against T. W. Hagood, a constable at Avondale, and his sureties on his bond for \$500 damages, claiming that her children were aroused from their bed at a late hour at night and the bed and other things taken from the house November 27. The petitioner avers that she and her children were made to suffer from the cold weather and caused to suffer great mental and physical pain and anguish on account of the taking of the goods.

Steel Freighter Goes Ashore.

Chicago.—The steel freight steamer German, bound from Lake Superior to South Chicago, with a cargo of iron ore, went ashore below Glencoe, 15 miles north of this city, in the blinding snowstorm tonight. The agents of the German at Chicago sent a tug to her relief. There is little apprehension of danger to the crew of twenty men, as the wind is off shore and the vessel is sheltered by the bluffs.

Announces for Sheriff.

Birmingham, Ala.—W. R. Watkins, a well-known and popular citizen, makes the announcement of his candidacy for sheriff of Jefferson county. There is no doubt but that he will be a formidable candidate.

Mobile Men Estimate Crop.

Mobile, Ala.—Thirty-eight members of the Mobile Cotton Exchange, in accordance with the annual custom of that body, Saturday estimated the cotton crop of the current season, and from the total an average was obtained of 10,584,221 bales.

Gets Eight Years.

Montgomery, Ala.—William Sheets, the aged carpenter, who killed Claude Sheets, his first born last Easter Sunday morning, entered a plea of guilty of manslaughter in the first degree, and under agreement his penalty was fixed at eight years in the penitentiary.

Verdict for \$3,500.

Huntsville, Ala.—Charles L. Townes, deputy circuit clerk, has received a verdict for \$3,500 damages against the Dallas Manufacturing Company, of this city. Mr. Townes had one of his hands lacerated while in the employ of the defendant company, and he sought to recover \$15,000 damages. The case will be appealed.

Will Remove and Enlarge.

Gadsden, Ala.—The Kyle Lumber Company, one of the largest concerns in the state making finished building material, will remove their planing mill and dry kiln from Alabama City to their large new mills in this city. The planing mill and dry kiln will be greatly enlarged and will consume the entire output of several other near-by saw mills. This step is made necessary by the great demand for finished building material turned out by this factory.

Back From Capital.

Montgomery, Ala.—District Attorney Warren S. Reese, who has been in Washington several days in an effort to insure his reappointment, returned to Montgomery on a belated train late Saturday night.

Second Assistant District Attorney Julius Sternfeld, who has just been removed from office for holding two places in the department of justice, traveled to Montgomery with Mr. Reese, but went on to Selma.

Sheriff Wanted.

Montgomery, Ala.—Probate Judge P. B. Jarman, of Sumter county, came to Montgomery Saturday to certify a vacancy in the office of sheriff of that county and in the interest of an applicant for the place. The known applicants for the office are J. B. Jackson, a deputy, and Coroner W. G. McDaniel, of Sumter county. The vacancy was caused by the death of the late sheriff, C. M. McCain, which occurred recently. There may be other applicants, but their names have not yet been made known.

Pea River Valley Road.

Enterprise, Ala.—The prospects for the new railroad, the Pea River and Gulf, continue to brighten. Saturday Mr. Booth, for the road, met a committee of representative citizens to discuss the situation. The committee was composed of the following: Capt. J. Rawls, W. E. Law, C. W. Simmons, R. H. Arrington, A. M. Owens, W. S. Edwards, O. C. Doster, Jr., R. A. Clements and T. D. L. Edwards. Mr. Booth spoke in most enthusiastic terms of the project. He stated that from Enterprise the road will have eighty miles of the finest roadbed in the south, and will touch the coast two miles west of Portland, Fla., after passing through fine timber and farming lands. The harbor has twenty-five feet of water the year round.

Death of F. L. Hickox.

Evergreen, Ala.—Fred L. Hickox, one of Evergreen's most prominent citizens, died here Saturday morning after a lingering illness. Mr. Hickox's health began to fail about a year ago, since which time he has gradually grown weaker and less able to attend to business. He took to his bed about three weeks ago, and it was evident from the start that he could not survive many days. He is survived by an only son, Charles F. Hickox, of Philadelphia. His niece, Miss Leach, of Durham, Conn., has been with him during his last days, and his remains were shipped to that place Sunday for interment. Mr. Hickox was born in Durham, but came to Alabama when quite a young man. He was a good citizen, and his death is much regretted by all who knew him.

Woman Holds Crowd at Bay.

Pittsburg, Kas.—Mrs. Ira Berry, a passenger on a south-bound St. Louis and San Francisco train, becoming suddenly insane at Farlington Station, near here, cleared a coach of passengers by recklessly discharging a revolver, shooting out several windows in the car and wounding one man in the wrist.

SCORES KILLED

In Battle With Mutineers—Attackers Flee When Loyal Troops Open Fire.

WILD STORIES AT THE CAPITAL.

Communication Has Not Been Restored and All Messages Must Come by Courier.

Kieff, Russia (Via Warsaw).—There has been serious street fighting between mutinous sappers and cossacks, and between workmen and bands of the "Black Hundred." Scores of persons have been killed or wounded. Martial law has been proclaimed.

London.—The Daily Mail's Kieff correspondent in a dispatch forwarded by Podwoloczyska says:

Early Saturday morning a company of sappers, dissatisfied with their marinet commander, mutinied and persuaded a second company to join them. They left the fortress fully armed and by threats compelled the remainder of the sappers' battalion to join them. Numbering a thousand, the mutineers marched to the barracks of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Kursk infantry which, however, remained loyal. A Jewish musician marched at the head of the mutineers. Several attempts were made to induce other troops to join them, but these likewise failed.

A body of Cossacks allowed the rebels to pass them in the street. Finally the mutineers arrived at the barracks of the artillery division and the azoff infantry regiment. The Azoff men answered the appeal with insults and the rebels opened fire upon them. The Azoffs answered with three volleys. A portion of the mutineers fled, but the others continued firing. The Azoffs replied with deadly volleys and finally the rebels fled headlong, throwing down their arms. Two hundred of them surrendered and were conveyed to their barracks by Cossacks. All was over by 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Fifty dead and a hundred wounded mutineers were left on the ground. A court-martial has been convened and a notice issued that any attempts at mutiny will be quelled by artillery.

The Associated Press has just learned from a high authority that the situation in the Baltic provinces has grown exceedingly grave, and that the troops at Revel and in the neighborhood are in open mutiny. This was the real cause of the extraordinary cabinet meeting which was held at Tsarskoe-Selo last night.

All attempts to secure details of the uprising have thus far failed. According to reports the attitude of the troops in the Baltic provinces is regarded by the government as the most dangerous factor that has thus far developed.

A strike of the policemen and house porters of St. Petersburg is scheduled for tomorrow (Sunday).

Count Witte continues to refuse to deal with the telegraphers, declaring that for the government to yield would be equivalent to its abdication at their order. Nevertheless, the surrender of the government to their demand for the dismissal of M. Durnovo, acting minister of the interior, is regarded as inevitable.

Instructions to the governors and the local authorities are being sent with great difficulty over the railroad lines.

Jews Fear Another Massacre.

Sent by Special Courier by Way of Podwoloczyska, Galicia, Odessa.—This dispatch is sent at the request of the Jewish community, which fears a fresh massacre by the local garrison. It is asserted that a proclamation is circulated in almost all regiments calling on the soldiers to exterminate the Jews, and to destroy the newspaper offices in revenge for groundless accusations against the troops of their participation of massacres and pillage, and in the protection of rowdism.

This is exciting the population against the army. The Jews assert that the officers deliver anti-Semitic speeches in the barracks after removing the Jewish soldiers and that Governor General Kaulbars himself has confessed that the officers are burning for revenge on the Jews and that he is unable to guarantee the preservation of order.

In view of the fact that this city is entirely cut off from St. Petersburg and thus is altogether in the hands of the local authorities, the Jewish community implores all civilized nations and their governments to take any measures at St. Petersburg to prevent a catastrophe which may exceed anything that has yet occurred.

Substitutes for Vanilla.

Mexico City.—The planters at Bapaula say they are now losing money owing to the fact that many substitutes for vanilla are now being manufactured in the United States so that the demand for the real vanilla has greatly fallen off.

EIGHTEEN MINERS

Instantly Killed in Explosion in Wyoming—Every Man in Mine Perished.

BLOWN OUT SHOT THE CAUSE.

Rescuers Are Delayed in Entering the Mine Because of the After Damp.

Diamondville, Wyo.—In an explosion in the Diamond Coal and Coke Company's mine No. 1 eighteen miners lost their lives. It is believed that all the men were instantly killed. It is thought a "blown out" shot caused the explosion which wrecked the mine. The shock of the explosion was felt all over the town, rocking buildings so violently that their occupants ran out into the open.

It was late Saturday afternoon before the first rescue party entered the mine.

The explosion occurred 1,100 feet under ground and at least 3,000 feet from the mouth of the shaft. The explosion wrecked the brattice and blocked the entrance of the lower levels of the mine, necessitating the removal of much debris before the miners could be reached. When the rescuers finally went into the mine none could remain long. The crowds around the portal watched as car after car came up from below, but they brought up only rescuers who had been overcome by the after damp. It was nearly noon before the first body was brought up.

Every man in the mine perished. The night force was at work, their work consisting in knocking down the coal to be brought out by the day shift. The loss of life would have been far greater had the accident occurred in the day time.

Many engineers, who came direct to the mines from England, were employed at Diamondville, and it is believed a majority of the dead are Englishmen.

Three Bodies Cold in Death.

Malone, N. Y.—The lifeless bodies of Henry McCaffrey, George Carpenter, a laborer, and Miss Capitola Gilmert, a domestic, were found in the home of McCaffrey, in Harrietstown, four miles from Saranac Inn.

They had all been shot, and the gun was found lying near the body of Carpenter, from which it is inferred that he shot the other two and then committed suicide.

The tragedy was discovered by Mrs. Henry McCaffrey, who was absent from the house when it took, and who discovered it when she returned home. The coroner and district attorney have gone from this city to investigate.

Barge Founders.

Boston, Mass.—The barge Delawanna, in tow of the tug boat Scatton, foundered off Minot light Friday night. Capt. George B. Munsey, his wife, the engineer and cook were drowned. The towing hawser suddenly snapped, and the captain of the tug immediately put about to see the cause. There was no sign of the barge, but clinging to the fragment of a broken boat one of the crew was found and taken aboard. From him it was learned the barge suddenly foundered with scarcely any warning.

After the Grafters.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Former Director of Public Safety A. L. English, former City Architect Philip H. Johnson, James D. Finley, a former city employee, and John W. Henderson and E. Baton, members of a contracting firm, were indicted by the grand jury on the charge of conspiracy to defraud the city in connection with the construction of a smallpox hospital. Mr. English was director of public safety during the administration of Mayor Ashbridge. Johnson and Finley are relatives of Israel W. Durham, leader of the local republican organization.

Meeting of Anti-Saloon League.

Birmingham, Ala.—The headquarters committee of the Alabama Anti-Saloon League has issued a formal call for the general conference of the temperance forces of the state to meet in Birmingham on December 11 and 12. The chief object of the conference is to elect a state superintendent and outline the plan of campaign to be waged in Alabama next year for a local option law regulating the sale of liquor.

Sharp Williams Is Named for Leader. Washington, D. C.—At a caucus of the democratic members of the house John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, was nominated as their choice for speaker. This carries with it the leadership of the minority.

Fort Payne, Ala.—On Monday while playing around the yard Lester and Charles, the two young children of John M. Cook, found an old box of "Rough on Rats" and ate some of it. They were deathly sick, and for a while they thought they would not recover, but they are both out of danger now, so the physicians say.

THE WEEK IN COTTON.

Gibert & Clay's Weekly Market Letter.

The net result of the week's trading in cotton futures is a decline of \$1 per bale, and the most absorbing topic has been the forthcoming crop estimate to be issued by the agricultural department Monday next.

Were it generally known that said estimate would be correctly based upon known facts as to amount of cotton ginned, poor yield of lint, absence of top crop, etc., there would have been heavy buying of contracts during the last week, instead of the continuous liquidation, which was apparent. But memories of past flagrant manipulation of crop gures by the agricultural department are so fresh as to stimulate the fear of another "cold deal" to the south, and this is responsible for heavy margin calls by brokers. One good effect of such margin calls has been to materially strengthen the speculative situation, by removing the weak holder of cotton from the scene for the moment and leaving the field to those better able financially to withstand the effects of possible adverse and misleading government reports and estimates.

Liverpool is undoubtedly willing to respond enthusiastically to bullish sentiment on this side, and if the facts as they now exist are made clear and convincing there would be no question about an increase in cotton values in the English markets.

New York has been the center of bearish activity, led by Mr. Price, who should certainly have credit (?) for the most persistent and successful efforts to depress values of the south's leading staple. In this endeavor he has had the assistance of almost unlimited capital, and his fertile brain, trained along statistical lines, has invented comparisons and estimates enough to bewilder and frighten those who are not themselves armed with countervailing facts. It is said that he has recently covered his short line, but if so his bearish tendencies are still prominent.

In the long run supply and demand are the dominating factors and will sooner or later sway values, and judicious withholding of cotton from the market is of the greatest assistance in preventing serious declines. But for the holding capacity of the southern farmer and merchant this season the spinners would have had several more millions of the cotton producers' money and the big bears would not know how to spend their surplus. Many a hard pressed cotton mill has had reason to exclaim this year, "God bless the man who first invented holding cotton."

Every farmer and merchant should feel deeply interested in the pleading movement of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association and should lend his immediate aid towards the establishment of a 15-cent basis by promptly pledging as much cotton as possible to be held for the higher figures.

Statistics are beginning to appear more bullish. The cold weather of the past week has practically killed all talk of making a top crop, and the recent rains will retard movement of the crop to market.

W. L. SIMS, Manager.

Only \$16,000,000 for Panama Canal.

Washington, D. C.—A bill to provide an appropriation of \$16,000,000 for the Panama canal commission, to be immediately available for the purpose of liquidating the work of construction, has been prepared and was introduced in the house Monday, the opening day of the Fifty-ninth congress. The bill stipulates that the money shall be refunded through the sale of bonds provided by the Spooner act. These bonds are to be taxable at the rate of one-half of one per cent when deposited to secure circulation on the same basis as government two's.

Will Not Be Tried.

Gadsden, Ala.—Mrs. Emma Whaley, the white woman who was arrested about a year ago on the charge of murdering her husband at the tunnel near Altoona because she had been told that he intended to elope the next day with another woman, and who has been in the insane asylum at Tuscaloosa since her arrest, has been dismissed from custody. The case against her charging her with the murder of her husband was called in the city court and was not pressed on account of the fact that the evidence was not sufficient to convict.

Democrats Will Have Candidate.

Washington, D. C.—The senate democrats have about reached a decision that they will not vote for Senator Frye, of Maine, this year for the presidency pro tem. of the senate. There is no objection to Senator Frye, but there is a strong feeling among democrats that they should elect one of their own men for caucus nomination and give him the same empty honor that the democrats confer upon a man in the house.

Glen Falls, N. Y.—Pulp Mill No. 1 of the Union Bag and Paper Company, at Sandy Hill, was burned to the ground. The loss is \$100,000. The fire started from a hot gearing. One hundred men are out of work.

Alabama has 21,000,000 acres of yellow pine standing.

ALL RUSSIA

Dead to the World—News Can Can Neither Come nor Go By Wire.

A BIG FIRE IS REPORTED

To Be Raging in Warsaw—Recent Disturbances in Castle Involved Vladimir and Cyril.

Warsaw.—The railroad telegraph operator at Moscow says that a great incendiary conflagration is raging there.

London.—Up to midnight Saturday London, Berlin, Copenhagen, Paris and Stockholm were completely cut off from telegraphic communication with St. Petersburg.

Early Saturday afternoon the Great Northern Telegraph Company, which has two routes into St. Petersburg, one by way of Copenhagen and Libau and the other by way of Finland, announced that communication was completely severed, Copenhagen and Nystad, the last named on the western Finnish coast, being the most easterly point from which and to which it could accept messages.

The Great Northern Company further stated that the quickest means for reaching the east Finnish coast points was probably to Nystad and then by letter to other points.

The Associated Press is endeavoring to get into communication with the correspondent at Helsingfors, but there is some doubt as to whether the water is sufficiently free from ice to permit of boats crossing to Helsingfors from Russian ports.

The Associated Press and the Reuter Telegram Company, as well as the English newspapers have sent urgent dispatches to their correspondents all over Russia, and especially at frontier points, to secure news from St. Petersburg and the interior, but none of the cable companies in London had received a word up to midnight. Furthermore the companies are unable to say what prospects there are for a renewal of communication.

Warsaw is the only point from which any Russian news has been received since early Saturday morning and this, with the exception of a private message over a railroad line briefly speaking of a conflagration at Moscow, was practically confined to events at Warsaw and Lodz.

Paris.—The Journal publishes a St. Petersburg dispatch, which was carried to Eydtkuhnen (East Prussia) by courier and which reveals the recent reports relative to a violent scene in the palace at Tsarskoe Selo. The Journal says that the trouble was between Emperor Nicholas and Grand Duke Vladimir and was relative to Grand Duke Cyril. The paper adds:

"It is certain that something extraordinary occurred there besides the disaffection of the guards, and that the whole domestic staff at the palace is now preparing to strike."

Little Credence in Story.

London.—The report of the plot against the life of the czar, and particularly the rumor that the czar was shot at and wounded, is regarded skeptically here. The general belief is that there is no truth in them. The London Times does not print the story, and special dispatches from well-informed correspondents at St. Petersburg make no mention of the alleged plot. The story, it is believed, had its origin in the mutiny of the guards at Tsarskoe Selo, who are loyal to the czar, but angry because they are not permitted to march against the revolutionists in St. Petersburg.

Pure Food Bill.

Washington, D. C.—Federal control of foods, drugs and liquors is provided for in a comprehensive bill to be introduced in the senate at an early date by Senator Heyburn, of Idaho. Jurisdiction of the government over these articles is declared in the measure when they become articles of interstate or foreign commerce, and a penalty of a maximum fine of \$500 and one year's imprisonment is provided for violators of the regulations set forth.

Investigate Killing by Chinese.

Washington.—A cablegram received at the state department from Minister Rockhill at Peking, says that Consul General Julius G. Lay at Canton, China, has completed his investigation into the recent murder of five Presbyterian missionaries at Lienchow in the Province of Canton. No details of the result of the investigation are given. The report will be forwarded to Washington by mail.

Financial Crash in Czar's Domain.

London.—A telegram received here from Paris confirms the dispatch sent from St. Petersburg by the Publishers' Press correspondent regarding the imminence of a financial crash in Russia. Considerable alarm is felt over the situation by France, where the Russian bonds are mostly held.

BITS OF NEWS

WASHINGTON.

The report of the Superintendent of the Mint showed that coinage of silver dollars had ceased under the law of 1890, and would not be resumed without action by Congress.

Advocates of the Darlen Canal route are expected to revive the project before Congress.

Postmaster Wilcox consulted President Roosevelt and Postmaster-General Cortelyou relative to better postal facilities for New York.

President Roosevelt has appointed Judge Charles E. Wolverton, of the Supreme Court of Washington State, as United States District Judge of Oregon.

William H. Michael, former chief clerk of the State Department, has been appointed Consul-General to Calcutta.

Cuban Minister Quesada reported to Secretary Root methods taken by his country to preserve its sanitary condition.

The Department of Agriculture announces an increasing market for the guinea fowl as table birds.

The President has announced a long list of appointments in Kentucky as a result of recent conferences with Republican leaders in that State.

OUR ADOPTED ISLANDS.

Rear-Admiral Train, with the battleships Ohio and Oregon, has arrived at Cavite, Philippines.

Attorney-General Lorrin Andrews, of Hawaii, has resigned to become attorney for American firms involved in the Chinese boycott at Shanghai.

Clarence Allen, Principal of the public school at Ormoc, P. I., was stabbed and killed by a fifteen-year-old Filipino boy, a pupil in the school and a member of a prominent family of the town.

Having occasion to secure twenty-five additional officers for the Philippine constabulary, the places paying \$1100 per annum to begin with, Captain McIntyre, acting chief of the insular bureau, invited 100 State military institutions and agricultural colleges to name candidates for the places from among their graduates. Less than twenty applications were received.

First Lieutenant Hugh Kirkman, of the Eighth Cavalry, has been arrested at Fort McKibey, Manila, P. I., on the charge of forgery. It is alleged that he is short of troop funds to the amount of \$500, and that he raised the money by forging names to a note.

DOMESTIC.

Lieutenant-General Chaffee has received from France the insignia of grand commander of the Legion of Honor, but must wait until Congress votes it to him.

Passed. Midshipman Harold D. Childs, of Vermont, has resigned from the Naval Academy owing to ill health.

The Steel Trust has bought 2500 acres of land in Indiana, on the shore of Lake Michigan, for manufacturing purposes.

Because he rolled a cigarette for his own use, eighteen-year-old Patrick Raymond, of Chicago, Ill., has been sent to jail for twenty days in Lincoln, Neb., under the new Nebraska law prohibiting the manufacture of cigarettes.

The body of Midshipman Branch was exhumed at Annapolis, Md., the medical board finding "such evidence as was desired."

Two marines who were left behind by Prince Louis were arrested at Stamford, Conn.

Thirty passengers and the crew of twenty-two were rescued by means of the breeches buoy from the steamer Argo, which went ashore in a storm on Lake Michigan.

August Belmont was appointed Treasurer of the National Democratic Committee by Chairman Taggart, at Indianapolis, Ind.

A plan for a monster Worlds Fair to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the discovery of the Hudson River, was heard by the Tercentenary Committee, in New York City.

Ten men who had gone out in a rowboat to welcome the arrival of friends on an Italian steamer were upset into the North River, New York City, and narrowly escaped drowning, but all were rescued.

Jacob H. Schiff sent a check to the Jewish Defense Association, in New York City, which is preparing to send arms to the Jews in Russia.

Butler County, Nebraska, declared a boycott on the Burlington and Union Pacific Railroads for refusal to pay taxes.

Alone and helpless, Mrs. Panette Clark, seventy-four years old, was found dead in Chicago, Ill., with her head resting on the burner of a gas stove.

Ten more indictments have been returned at Peoria, Ill., against Newton C. Dougherty, the bank president, accused of stealing school funds.

About \$15,000 in cash was obtained by burglars from the Japanese Bank at Los Angeles, Cal.

Despondent over the death of her sweetheart, Miss Mary Ross, a society woman, killed herself at Madisonville, Ky.

FOREIGN.

Sixty Remington rifles have been seized at San Juan de Martinez, Diner del Rio Province, Cuba, where fifty anti-government plotters were meeting.

An ammunition factory in Cuba was seized. Rumors of plots and uprisings continued all over the island.

To Elevate Her Embassies.

It was formally announced at Tokio that it had been decided to elevate the Japanese legations at London, Washington, Paris, Berlin and St. Petersburg to embassies.

Senator Burton Sentenced.

Senator Burton was sentenced at Washington, D. C., to six months in jail and fined \$2500, the sentence also debaring him from holding public office.

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Pay your poll tax now.

Columbiana is growing.

Get in line by joining the Farm-
ers Union.

Now is the time to pay your poll
tax. The time will be out on the
first of February.

The Christmas edition of The
Montgomery Advertiser will be
issued Sunday, December 17.

Join the Farmers Union and you
will not make no mistake. The
Union is growing and you should
grow with it.

There are several hundred bales
of cotton in Shelby county yet to
be sold, and nearly all of it is still
in the hands of the farmers.

Mr. N. B. Williams, of Mont-
gomery, spoke at the court house
here Monday in the interest of the
Southern Cotton Association.

Notice.

To delinquent subscribers:

Come in and pay what you owe
the Advocate between now and
January 1st. It takes money and
hard work to run a newspaper, and
we kindly ask those who are
delinquent to come forward as we
need the money.

Appointments.

The following appointments were
made by the North Alabama Confer-
ence for the Talladega and Tuscaloosa
Districts:

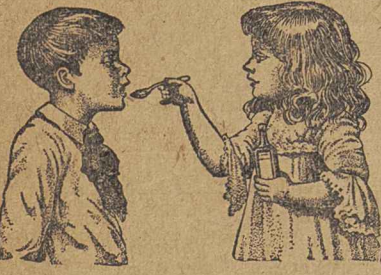
TALLADEGA DISTRICT.

J. W. Johnson, presiding elder.
Talladega, L. C. Branscomb.
Anniston, J. D. Simpson.
Sylacauga circuit, P. L. Abernathy.
Oxford, T. K. Roberts.
Easonville circuit, J. T. Terry.
Jacksonville and White Plains, A. J.
Notestine.
Mumfords circuit, J. T. Black.
Piedmont and Nance Creek, A. M. Yoe.
Lincoln circuit, J. Warren.
Columbiana circuit, G. T. Harris.
Childersburg circuit, C. C. O'Neal.
Plantersville circuit, J. V. Culbertson.
Alexandria circuit, R. B. Baird.
Helin circuit, J. W. Tucker.
Leeds circuit, G. L. Crow.
Wilsonville mission, C. D. Brooks.
Glen Addie and Oxana Mission, R.
Y. Hannon.
West Anniston mission, W. W. Helin.
Lecta mission, to be supplied.
Spring Garden circuit, supplied by
Lester.

TUSCALOOSA DISTRICT.

V. O. Hawkins, presiding elder.
Tuscaloosa, J. S. Robertson.
Northport circuit, M. R. Smith.
Weisley Chapel circuit, C. S. Marable.
Carrollton circuit, S. N. Burns.
Tabernacle circuit, T. G. Slaughter.
Gordo circuit, W. F. Hendon.
Sipsey mission, supplied by Brock.
Kennedy circuit, J. H. Jennings.
North River mission, supplied by
B. V. McCoy.
Berry circuit, W. F. Barnes.
Cottondale, James Williams.
Coaling mission, supplied by J.
Crim.
Woodstock circuit, W. S. Branham.
Brookwood, W. W. Scott.
Johns and Adger, H. M. Hurst.
Blossom, J. W. Cowan.
Hargrove, L. K. Knowles.
Coleman and Piper, Robert Echols.
Gurnee mission, supplied by W. H.
Sturdivant.
Aldrich, supplied.
Montevallo, H. E. Wheeler.
Calera, J. W. Gary.
Pelham, J. A. May.
Helena and Saginaw, supplied by
J. P. Cornelius.

Chamberlain's



Cough Remedy

The Children's Favorite
Coughs, Colds, Croup and
Whooping Cough.
This remedy is famous for its cures over
a large part of the civilized world. It can
always be depended upon. It contains no
poison or other harmful drug and may be
used as confidently to a baby as to an adult.
25 cts; Large Size, 50 cts.

Dr. T. G. Nelson Dead.

Dr. T. G. Nelson died Sunday
afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in Birm-
ingham at Talley & McAdory's
private infirmary, where he was
carried about a week ago from his
place for treatment. He had been
in bad health for several months
before coming to Columbiana from
Abernath, Ala., but after being
here only a few days began to get
weaker, and it was decided to take
him to Birmingham for treatment.
His remains were brought to this
place Monday morning and carried
to the home of his brother, E. B.
Nelson. The funeral service was
conducted Monday afternoon by
Rev. G. T. Harris, pastor of the
Methodist church, after which his
remains were laid to rest in the
city cemetery.

The deceased was born and raised
in Columbiana and was well
known and liked by all who knew
him. He had been a practicing
physician for several years, and
was a member of the Methodist
church.

He leaves a wife and three chil-
dren, mother, brothers and sisters
to mourn his death.

The Advocate with many friends
extends sympathy to the bereaved
family and relatives.

Edgar Cary Pardoned.

Edgar Cary, who was convicted
at the fall term of the circuit court
of Shelby county, 1905, and given
a sentence of two years in the
penitentiary for assault with intent
to murder John Kroell, of Monte-
vallo, was given a pardon last
Friday by Governor Jelks. The
pardon did not reach the hands of
the Sheriff until Monday, and Mr.
Cary was released from jail Mon-
day afternoon. The words of the
Governor were as follows:

"The man was technically guilty
of the offence charged, but seems
to have been so under great provo-
cation. He has already suffered
considerably. The trial judge, the
trial solicitor, every one of the
jurors who sat in the case and the
Board of Pardons recommend
clemency. Besides these officials
and jurors the application is ac-
companied by a petition containing
hundreds of names of the best
people in Shelby county.

"It is ordered that pardon
issued."

A Word to the Public.

We have purchased the entire
stock of staple and fancy groceries
of Roberts & Robertson and will
continue the business at the same
stand. We are making this line a
specialty and will endeavor to keep
on hand everything that can be
found in an up-to-date grocery
establishment. Table luxuries of
all kinds always fresh. Goods
guaranteed to be as represented, if
not we will deem it a favor if you
will return them. Goods delivered
promptly. Call on us for Xmas
goods, we have a nice line for you
to select from. Keep your eye on
our advertisements and profit
thereby. Dr. Hamner will devote
the same time and attention to the
practice of dentistry as he has in
the past. Thanking you in ad-
vance for your patronage we are

Yours sincerely,

HAMNER GROCERY CO.

Phone No. 20.
The Key That Unlocks the Door to
Long Living.

The men of eighty-five and ninety
years of age are not the rotund
well-fed, but thin spare men who live on a
slender diet. He as careful as he will,
however, a man past middle age will
occasionally eat too much or of some
article of food not suited to his con-
stitution, and will need a dose of
Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver
Tablets to cleanse and invigorate his
stomach and regulate his liver and
bowels. When this is done there is no
reason why the average man should
not live to old age. For sale by
Williams Bros.

The James Shelby Show

Will exhibit in Columbiana on
DECEMBER 14th. One day only,
rain or shine, under waterproof
tents. This is the last show that
will visit this town this season, and
since its last appearance here
many new features have been added
which makes this one of the best
wagon shows now on the road.
Strictly clean, moral and refined
in every respect. Ladies and
children are cordially invited and
will be given polite attention. Our
show is much better than when we
were last here, but our price re-
mains the same, children 25cts.
adults 35cts. Two exhibitions
daily, doors open at 1:00 P. M.
and at 7:00 P. M. performance
commencing one hour later.

When you want a pleasant laxative
take Chamberlain's Stomach and
Liver Tablets. For sale by Williams
Bros.

Died at Centreville.

Mrs. Mary S. Strickland, wife of
the late J. H. Strickland, died at
the home of her daughter, Mrs. B.
F. Oglesby, in Centreville, Satur-
day, Dec. 2nd, of paralysis. Mrs.
Strickland was stricken in June of
this year, and since then has suf-
fered great pain. She was born in
Tennessee in 1823, and was 82
years, 10 months and 4 days old.
She was well known in Columbiana
and surrounding community, hav-
ing lived here about 30 years, and
was a consistent member of the
Cumberland Presbyterian church.
She leaves four sons, A. W. S. B.,
E. S. and Dock Strickland, and
one daughter, Mrs. B. F. Oglesby,
and a number of grand children to
mourn her death.

Her remains were brought to
this place Sunday afternoon and
interred in the city cemetery, Rev.
H. M. Millstead conducted the fun-
eral service.

The Advocate with many friends
extends sympathy to the bereaved
family and relatives.

To Policy Holders.

The Division is now full and if
by carelessness you allow your
policy to lapse by not paying as-
sessment of only \$1.15, you would
have to pay membership fee again
to be reinstated and perhaps I
would write some one else to take
your place before seeing you. So
act promptly.

T. A. LEATHERS,
Division Agent.

Mrs. Rachel M. Lawrence Dead.

Mrs. Rachel M. Lawrence, one of
the oldest and most highly re-
spected ladies in this city, died at
her home on North Main street
last Thursday at noon, after an
illness of two weeks. Mrs. Law-
rence was born at Rushin Cove in
this county Sept. 29, 1828, and was
married at the age of 13 to Dr.
Tom Lawrence, of Columbiana,
who died several years ago. She
was 77 years old the 26th of last
September, and was a consistent
member of the Methodist church
for 63 years. She leaves two sons
and one daughter, Henry T. Law-
rence, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and
Amos Lawrence and Miss Sallie
Lawrence, of this place.

The funeral services were con-
ducted from her late residence by
Rev. G. T. Harris, her pastor, after
which the remains were interred in
the city cemetery. The Advocate,
together with many friends, ex-
tends sympathy to the bereaved
family and relatives.

Furious Fighting.

"For seven years" writes Geo. W.
Hoffman, of Harper, Wash., "I had a
bitter battle with chronic stomach and
liver trouble, but at last I won and
cured my disease by the use of Elec-
tric Bitters. I unhesitatingly recom-
mend them to all and don't intend in
the future to be without them in the
house. They are certainly a wonder-
ful medicine to have cured such a bad
case as mine." Sold under guarantee
to do the same for you by the City
Drug Store at 50c a bottle. Try them
today.

Program

Of Fifth Sunday Meeting to be
held with Enon Baptist Church
Saturday and Sunday Dec. 30th
and 31st:

SATURDAY 9:00 A. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by
the pastor.
10:00 A. M. Is water baptism con-
tained in the plan of salvation—
Revs. J. H. Mauldin and J. H.
Connell.

11:00 A. M. What dispensation are
we living under?—Elder J. A.
Davis and Rev. G. W. Crump-
ton.

12:00 M. Adjourned until 1:30
P. M.

1:30 P. M. What is apostasy?—
Rev. B. C. Hughes and C. R.
Miller.

2:30 P. M. Should a letter be
granted a member for any other
purpose than change of loca-
tion—Revs. S. L. Harris and C.
W. O'Hara.

3:30 P. M. Report from our
Colporteur—Rev. C. W. O'Hara.
SUNDAY 9:00 A. M.

Sunday school.

10: A. M. What is the scriptural
duty of the Deacon in the
church?—Revs. J. M. Reynolds
and S. Smitherman.

11: A. M. Origin and continuity
of Missionary Baptist church—
Rev. C. R. Miller.

Committee: Rev. J. L. Busby, N.
T. Lucas and J. G. Thornton.
Conveyance at Calera to meet
visitors.

Torture of a Preacher.

The story of the torture of Rev. O.
D. Moore, pastor of the Baptist church
of Harpersville, N. Y., will interest
you. He says: "I suffered agonies
because of a persistent cough, result-
ing from the grip. I had to sleep
sitting up in bed. I tried many
remedies without relief until I took
Dr. King's New Discovery for Con-
sumption Coughs and Colds, which
entirely cured my cough and saved
me from consumption." A grand
cure for diseased conditions of the
Throat and Lungs. At the City Drug
Store; price 50 cents and \$1.00, guaran-
teed. Trial bottle free.

Items from Weidon.

Prof. C. W. Chesser, of Sterrett, was
in our community Friday selling
rural mail boxes. We understand he
sold quite a number.

J. W. Roper and wife, of Fourmile,
spent Sunday in our community with
J. S. Walton and family.

W. J. Sewell transacted business in
Columbiana Saturday last.

Dr. B. H. Smothers, of Fourmile,
was up on professional business one
day last week.

Our young people enjoyed a nice
singing at the residence of J. S. Wal-
ton Sunday afternoon.

W. A. Parker, of Columbiana, trans-
acted business in our town Friday.
We learn that Mr. Parker is about to
buy W. T. Ray's shingle mill.

John H. Adams was the happy es-
cort of Miss Ola Carden Sunday
afternoon.

Mr. Westbrook was in our com-
munity Saturday delivering fruit
trees.

There wasn't any singing at New
Prospect Sunday. Golly! it was so
cold us couldn't sing and carry the
tune to Yankee Doodle.

Young Mr. Bolin was R. P. D. Car-
rier from Wilsonville Friday and
Saturday while friend Riddle took
his little rest.

Oscar E. Walton was the happy es-
cort of Miss Nora Rasco Sunday
afternoon.

Sam McDonald and wife and Miss
Agnes McDonald spent Sunday in
Walton Town with Henry Walton and
family.

E. Carden and sisters, Misses Ola
and Velma, spent Sunday in Walton
Town to the delight of John.

I wish they would make haste and
get the court house done, I want ter
get my license for I'm tired living
erlong.

Married at the home of the bride
on last Wednesday afternoon at 2:30
Mr. Edward Johnson to Miss Ellen
Bradley, Rev. B. C. Hughes officiat-
ing. Now as they are sailing down
life's stream together, may they ever
be true to each other, and look unto
Him who has said "I am the light and
the way" for their guide. The bride
is one of our most lovely belles, and
Mr. Johnson is to be congratulated
on winning for life's partner such a
winson and charming young lady as
Miss Ellen. The groom is one of
Sterrett's most promising and intelli-
gent young men. We are sure he will
make a fine and successful business
man, and a kind and loving
husband, one who will ever be ready
to treat a wife as she should be
treated. Mr. Johnson is a prosperous
young farmer, and Miss Ellen will
never have cause to regret the name
of Mrs. Johnson. We join their many
friends in wishing for them a long
and prosperous life. May their ship
never spring a leak, but sail on to the
other shore is the hearty wishes of
his majesty, Col. Wild Bill.

We are indeed sorry to chronicle
the death of Corine, the little daugh-
ter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Blackerby,
which occurred at their home Friday
morning at 11 o'clock. She was like a
flower from the pits, as soon as she
could hit it it was gone. She wasn't ill
but a few days, but the great Ruler
saw fit in His great love to take her
home. Her little voice is hushed in
silence, and her little chair is vacant,
but we know she has gone where
sickness and sorrow and farewells do never
come. Corine was the joy of her
parents, pride of her relatives and
was indeed a lovely little girl. She
was apt to learn and quick to obey,
but this little flower is not out down
forever. It will rise again in that
morning and forever bloom for the
one it was made. Weep not for her
dear ones, for she can't come back to
us, but we can live so we can go to
her in that land of immortality and
love where parting is no more.

Her remains were laid to rest in the
Walton cemetery Sunday morning to
await that summons when the dead
in christ shall rise and the morning
shall break eternal bright and fair.
The funeral services were conducted
by Rev. A. C. Messer. We extend
hearty sympathy to Mr. and Mrs.
Blackerby in their sad hour of
bereavement. May the Good Man
above smile on them and make their
sad hours bright is the prayer of a
friend.

WILD BILL.

Grip Quickly Knocked Out.

"Some weeks ago during the severe
winter weather both my wife and
myself contracted severe colds which
specially developed into the worst
kind of the grippe with all of its miser-
able symptoms," says Mr. J. S.
Eggleston of Maple Landing, Iowa.
Knees and joints aching, muscles sore,
head stopped up, eyes and nose run-
ning with alternate spells of chills
and fever. We began using Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy, adding the same
with a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach
and Liver Tablets, and by its liberal
use soon completely knocked out the
grip. These tablets promote a
health action of the bowels, liver and
kidneys which is always beneficial
when the system is congested by a
cold or attack of the grip. For sale
by Williams Bros.

Dargin.

Health of community good.
Rev. Crowson failed to fill his
appointment here Sunday.

Sunday school was well attended
here Sunday.

Pink Suttleton has moved to our
town. We welcome him to our
midst.

G. W. Littleton and Guss Morris
went to Chilton county Friday.

H. B. Nabors went to Columbi-
ana one day last week on business.

Mrs. G. T. Leonard, of Talladega,
is visiting relatives in the city.

Well, Dargin is on a boom, a new
store house and saw mill going up
at BUFFALO BILL.

Notice.

Will the party who got a petition
from me asking for an election in
beat 1 on the stock law proposition
please return the same to me.

J. W. JOHNSTON.

In Mad Chase.

Millicens Rush is in mad chase after
health, from one extreme of faddism
to another, when if they would only
eat good food and keep the bowels
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Pills their troubles would all pass
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STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE COLUMBIANA SAVINGS BANK,

LOCATED AT COLUMBIANA, ALA.,

At the Close of Business Oct. 7, 1905.

RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES.
Loans and Discounts.....\$44,758.71	Capital Stock Paid in.....\$20,000.00
Overdrafts.....484.65	Undivided Profits, less Cur- rent Expenses and Tax- es Paid.....2578.66
Banking House.....5,000.00	Individual Deposits subject to Check.....39531.25
Furniture and Fixtures.....2,000.00	Savings Deposits.....918.81
Other Real Estate.....3,000.00	Interest Bearing Deposits.....1350.00
Due from Banks and Bank- ers in this State.....12727.61	Cashier's Checks.....84.69
Due from Banks and Bank- ers in other States.....5055.42	Notes & Bills Rediscounted.....14,296.25
Currency.....6101.00	Bills Payable.....8,500.00
Gold.....2045.00	
Silver, Nickels and Pennies.....1598.59	
Checks and Cash Items.....4490.38	
Total.....\$87,259.66	Total.....\$87,259.66

State of Alabama,)
County of Shelby,)

Before me came W. L. Farley, Cashier of Columbiana
Savings Bank, who being duly sworn, says that the above
and foregoing statement is a true condition of said Bank,
as shown by the books on file in said Bank.

W. L. FARLEY, Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 13th day of
October, 1905

W. W. WALLACE, Notary Public.

ATTEST: W. B. Browne, W. G. Parker, J. T. Leeper,
Directors.

There Is Money In Growing Ginseng.

Prof. Howard, of the Missouri State Agricultural College says:
"I advise American farmers to cultivate Ginseng. Big profits are
realized. It is a hardy plant and is easily grown." A bulletin
issued by the Pennsylvania State College in part says: "The sup-
ply of native Ginseng root is rapidly diminishing, and price per
pound is correspondingly increasing, while the constant demand
for the drug in China stands as a guarantee of a steady market for
Ginseng in the future."—Council General Rublee, of Hong Kong,
says in the U. S. Consular reports: "The sale of Ginseng root
grown in America is very large here, and the demand is so great
that much more could be disposed of advantageously. The root
is as indispensable to the four-hundred million Chinese as their
rice."

Ginseng is a staple on the market the same as corn, wheat and
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pound, while the cost of producing is less than \$1.50. It is easy
to grow and requires very little ground. An acre of matured
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several hundred dollars worth each year. The plant thrives
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It is a fearful fate to have to endure
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of

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"About a year ago," writes Mrs. Mattie Allen, of 1123 Broadway, Augusta, Ga., "I suffered with blind, sick headaches and backaches, and could get no relief until I tried

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WRITE US FREELY and frankly, describing your symptoms. We will consider your case and give you free advice (in plain sealed envelope). Don't hesitate, but write today. Address: Ladies' Advisory Dept., The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

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The Shoe With a World Wide Reputation,

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THE PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE

Telephone No. 26.

Social and Local News.

Newt Vick, of beat 9, was in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. Sam Thomas was on the sick list last week.

Ed. Duran, of Birmingham, was in the city Monday.

W. H. Moss, of Calera, was in town Friday on business.

Claude Glenn, of Ensley, visited his family here last week.

H. W. Parker, of near Childersburg, was in town Monday.

J. W. Mason, of Sycamore, spent Sunday here with his family.

The Columbiana Mercantile Co. will open up one day this week.

Rev. G. T. Harris will preach at the Methodist church next Sunday.

Phillip Erick and wife spent Sunday in Bessemer with relatives.

F. M. McEwen and W. F. Bridges, of Fourmile, spent Saturday in town.

Sam Lefkovits, of Bessemer, has been in the city several days on business.

Mrs. Ella McNeely and children left Monday for Ensley, their future home.

Rufus Lester attended the Grand Lodge of Masons in Montgomery this week.

Rev. C. C. Heard preached at the Presbyterian church Thanksgiving day.

E. S. Lyman, of Montevallo, was in the city Monday and Tuesday on business.

J. I. Abercrombie and wife spent a few hours last Thursday at Wilsonville.

There was no school last Thursday and Friday on account of Thanksgiving.

Virgil Harris has a position as clerk in the grocery store of Dr. W. P. Hamner.

Edgar Cary and wife and Miss Tabor Cary returned to their home at Keystone Tuesday.

One of the heaviest rains of the season fell here Saturday and a part Saturday night.

Misses Carrie Rowe and Dinnie Mae Rowe spent Saturday at Jemison with relatives.

Walter Meroney and wife, of Avondale, attended the funeral of Dr. T. G. Nelson here Monday.

Three Elliott and wife, of Gurnee, spent a few days here last week with relatives and friends.

Miss Anna Strickland and John Strickland visited relatives in Birmingham a few days last week.

The City Drug Store is the place to go to buy your Xmas goods. They have them on display now.

Misses Nena Millstead and Tabor Cary spent apart of Friday and Saturday at Wilsonville with friends.

L. W. Jackson and family and Mrs. E. A. Jackson, of Shelby, spent Thursday in the city with friends.

Rev. Joseph Duglinson preached at the Presbyterian church Sunday at 11 A. M. There was no night service.

D. A. Whitfield and W. B. Brasher, of Vandiver, visited the family of Tax Collector Brasher last week.

Over one hundred dollars was raised at Thanksgiving services last Thursday for the three Orphans home in Alabama.

Dr. C. T. Acker and J. T. Leeper have been in Montgomery a few days this week attending the Grand Lodge of Masons of Alabama.

Miss Maude Bell, after spending some time in the city with her sister, Mrs. J. J. Haynes, returned to her home at Lineville last week.

Dr. W. P. Hamner has bought out the grocery business of Roberts & Robertson and will conduct the business at the same old stand.

In this issue will be found the advertisement of the Hamner Grocery Co., and when in need of anything in their line give them a call.

Miss Annie Longshore, who is attending the Girl's Industrial School at Montevallo, spent Sunday and Monday in the city with relatives.

W. E. Riddle spent last Thursday on Fourmile.

J. S. Jackson, of Fourmile, was in town Tuesday.

T. J. Wells, of Shelby Springs, was in town Friday.

Josh Crum, of near Montevallo, was in the city Friday.

J. N. Robertson spent Thursday at Marion with friends.

Mrs. J. R. Dyke is visiting relatives and friends at Vincent.

J. W. Nabors and daughter, of Longview, spent Friday in the city.

E. W. Holland and W. T. Taylor, of Wilsonville, were in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. Jno. S. Pitts and children visited relatives at Vincent Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. T. M. Wilson and son, Mel, visited relatives in Calera a few days last week.

Rev. John Milner, of Roswell, Ga., visited relatives in the city a few days last week.

H. M. Norris killed a pig last Thursday that weighed 400 pounds after it was dressed.

L. B. Riddle, of Wilsonville, spent last Thursday in town with relatives and friends.

W. B. Browne and Max Lefkovits were in Birmingham last Thursday on business.

L. F. Elliott, of Gurnee, attended the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Lawrence here last Friday.

Sheriff R. F. Cox went to Memphis, Tenn., last Friday after Lee Rice, but the Sheriff returned Sunday morning without his man.

Rev. T. K. Roberts and wife, after spending a few days in the city with relatives and friends, returned to their home at Oxford Friday.

Misses Pattie Vandiver and Brownie Pool, of the Montevallo Industrial School, spent Sunday in the city with the Misses Longshore.

R. L. Dykes and family, who have been at Pelican, La., for some time, have moved to Shelby county and are residing near this place with Mr. J. E. Dykes.

Circuit Clerk J. R. Dyke left Tuesday for Mexico and Hubbard, Tex., on a business trip. Mr. Dyke was accompanied by L. M. Dyke, of Attalla. They will be gone about ten days.

Glenn-Bice.

On last Wednesday night at the Baptist church in Shelby, Mr. Robert Glenn and Miss Bell Bice were happily married. Promptly at the appointed hour the bridal party came up the aisle as the sweet strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march vibrated the church by the skilled touch of Miss Ethel Abbott accompanied by Misses Marie Laverty, of Talladega, Edith Smith and Master Ellis Crossett, of Shelby, violin, and took their position in front of the altar where Rev. C. C. Heard, of this place, in a few but well fitted words made them man and wife.

Miss Emma Bice, sister of the bride was maid of honor, and Mr. Clarence Abbott, of Shelby, best man. The attendants were Mr. Joshua Glenn, of Ensley, and Miss Rosser Christian of Columbiana; Mr. Osce Bird, of Columbiana, and Miss Ethel Glenn, of Blackburn, La.; Mr. Wade Bice, of Ensley, and Miss Ludie Wade, of Shelby; Messrs. Hick Bice and Richard Dinnie ushers.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. H. Bice, of Shelby, and is one of the most beautiful and and highly cultured young ladies of that city. Her kind manner and lovable disposition has won for her many lasting friends.

The groom is one of Shelby's most promising young men, and is to be congratulated on winning the heart and hand of such a fine young woman. May their lives be long and happy ones is the wishes of the Advocate together with many friends.

A Certain Cure For Croup.

When a child shows symptoms of croup there is no time to experiment with new remedies, no matter how highly they may be recommended. There is one preparation that can always be depended upon. It has been in use for many years and has never been known to fail, viz: Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mr. M. F. Hampton of Market, Tex. says of it: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in several cases of croup with my children and can truthfully say it always gives prompt relief." For sale by Williams & Co.

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Their Complete Outfit for Hot Drinks of All Kinds During the Winter Season.

COFFEE, HOT CHOCOLATE, SOUPS AND BOUILLONS will be served at all times as well as all other delicious hot drinks. This store has also just received a complete line of fine Jewelry. Notice this out.

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Hon. J. L. Webb, President Home office—Athens, Ga. John A. Dorwin, Sec & Treas

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The Mutual Life Industrial Association

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W. L. Farley, Cashier Columbiana Savings Bank, Secretary and Treasurer, Columbiana, Ala.

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Class A—Ages 16 to 30	\$4.00	Class A—Ages 16 to 30	\$1.00
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Class C—Ages 40 to 50	6.00	Class C—Ages 40 to 50	1.50
Class D—Ages 50 to 55	7.00	Class D—Ages 50 to 55	1.75
Class E—Ages 55 to 60	8.00	Class E—Ages 55 to 60	2.00

The above membership fees are paid only one time. Of these amount one dollar shall be placed in the hands of the local Secretary and Treasurer as an advanced assessment to meet the first death loss in above Division.

When a member dies each policy holder pays to the local Secretary and Treasurer within thirty days, \$1.15. If no death, none needed.

DEATH OF GEO. W. DAVIS, OF VINCENT, SHELBY COUNTY, ALA.

Deceased was a consistent member of the church, a loving husband, kind and affectionate father and good citizen. The best investment of his life was a policy in the Shelby County Division of the Mutual Life and Industrial Association of Georgia, which will be a great benefit to the widow and four children who would have been left in very straitened circumstances without said policy. To the policy holders respond cheerfully and promptly to the assessment of only \$1.15 and place in bank \$1,000 to be paid your wife and children should your labor, by providence be taken away from them. The few who have lapsed will only have ten days to pay their \$1.15 and be reinstated without extra cost—What a great mistake you will make if you do not do this. If you are fortunate enough to live you will not begrudge helping widows and orphans of your deceased neighbor that much.

T. A. LEATHERS, Division Agent.

Reliable Men Wanted to Represent this Popular Company. Apply to

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Notice No. 26200.

Notice For Publication.

Department of the Interior, B. L. office at Montgomery, Ala., Oct. 30, 1905.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and the said proof will be made before Clerk of Circuit Court, at Columbiana, Ala. on December 16, 1905, viz: James M. Allen, homestead entry No. 83570, for the west half of sec. 12, tp. 15 s of r. 2 w. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

Oscar Cox, Bridgeton, Ala., S. R. McClellan, Quito, Ala., A. J. E. Cross, Quito, Ala., W. E. Cross, Quito, Ala., ROBERT BARBER, Register.

Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned by Mamie B. Smith and Bryant Smith, and recorded on page 208 of book No. 63 of records of mortgages in the office of the Judge of Probate in Shelby county, I will proceed to sell on the 15th day of December, 1905, at Post Office, Calera, Ala., in said county, to the highest bidder for cash between the legal hours of sale the following described property, to-wit:

The surface right in and to the west half of the sec. 12, tp. 15 s of r. 2 w., also the east half of the sec. 2, tp. 22, r. 2 w., containing 10 acres, more or less.

P. BARBER, Mortgagee

Notice!

I have opened up a blacksmith and repair shop at the Tinney shop near the Methodist parsonage, and have two men to run the same. Your patronage solicited. Satisfaction guaranteed.

W. W. ALBRIGHT, Columbiana, Ala.

FOR SALE—55 acres of good farming land well improved. Located in the forks of Yellow Leaf creek. Good house and outbuildings, also fine well of water. Will sell cheap for cash.

J. E. RAY, R. F. D. No. 2, Columbiana, Ala.

For Sale.

I have for sale a merry-go-round which I will sell cheap for cash. In good order and as good as new. Come at once if you want a bargain. When new cost \$2,800 will now sell for \$700. Has been running two years.

Apply to

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GENERAL STATE NEWS.

Current News Garnered as It Falls From the Plant of Report.

L. & N. Makes Answer.

Montgomery, Ala.—Answer has been filed in the city court of Montgomery to the quo warranto proceedings instituted by the state of Alabama ex rel. Henry B. Gray vs. the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company.

It will be remembered that the petitioner seeks to know by what authority the Louisville and Nashville is exercising the franchise of the South and North Railroad between Montgomery and Decatur. The answer sets out that the defendant has complied with the foreign corporation laws of Alabama, and is operating the road with the knowledge and consent of the board of directors of the South and North and the stockholders of the Louisville and Nashville.

Martin Announces Against Clayton.

Ozark, Ala.—Rev. Harry L. Martin has formally announced himself for congress to oppose Hon. H. D. Clayton in the Third district. Mr. Martin was for years a leading lawyer, and later he was converted and entered the ministry. He has for some time been editing the Ozark Tribune. He has maintained all along that being a Baptist preacher was about the highest honor he wanted in this world, but for some time he has been trying to get some one to put himself on the altar and take the position of congressman from Hon. Henry D. Clayton, who has represented the Third district for some years.

Shooting at Kellerman.

Tuscaloosa, Ala.—A shooting affair took place up at Kellerman last Thursday which resulted in two men being shot. It seems that W. T. Atchley had sworn out a warrant for Alex Sullivan's children. When Sullivan saw Atchley he demanded that the warrant be withdrawn, and from this a quarrel ensued, in which the shooting took place with the result mentioned. Sullivan was shot in the leg with a pistol, and J. R. Atchley, a brother of the other Atchley, was shot in the body with a load of bird shot. Neither of the men are seriously wounded. There has been a warrant sworn out for Sullivan charging him with assault with intent to murder.

Comer in Tuscaloosa.

Tuscaloosa, Ala.—For the first time since the campaign has been opened Hon. Braxton Bragg Comer, candidate for governor, spoke in Tuscaloosa. The audience that gathered to greet the distinguished visitor was moderately large and often grew enthusiastic with the earnest talk that Mr. Comer made. His address was along the usual lines—railroad rate reform. Mr. Comer, judging from his address here, is making an effort to get the candidates for the legislature to fall in line with his views. It seems that the gubernatorial candidate will make a fight for the legislature.

Baggage Master in Trouble.

Birmingham, Ala.—Charged with embezzling the trunk of T. F. Wimberly, secretary-treasurer of the Wimberly & Thomas Hardware Company, upon his return from Europe last August, M. A. Black, a baggage master on the Southern Railway between here and Atlanta, is in the tower in the latter city. The contents of the trunk are said to have been valued at \$1,400. Black, who is under arrest charged with the crime, is a resident of Austell, Ga., although he had rooms in Birmingham also until his arrest. It is also rumored that two other arrests have been made in connection with the trunk's disappearance, although authorities both here and in Georgia are extremely reticent about the whole matter.

Judge Stiles.

Birmingham, Ala.—Judge J. P. Stiles will, it is understood, formally enter the race for sheriff of Jefferson county. Those who are in a position to talk state that this is practically a certainty, although it is said circumstances might cause him to defer his announcement or not make it at all.

Judge Stiles is said to be engaged now in making a formal draft of the platform upon which he will make the race, and it is said that this will deal with issues of great importance to the people.

Drank Forty-eight Glasses of Corn.

Birmingham, Ala.—Tom Smith, a young negro, broke the world's record Friday night for drinking "old corn," but he forfeited his life in doing so. According to statements of eye-witnesses the man drank forty-eight whisky glasses full of corn whisky and died a few hours afterwards.

Great Northern May Build.

Jackson, Miss.—It is believed here that the Goodyear syndicate, now engaged in building the New Orleans and Great Northern, has purchased the holdings of Foley & Larsen, of St. Paul, in this section. If true that means the Great Northern is coming to Jackson and will be extended north from here. The purchase involves more than 50,000 acres up Pearl River valley and investment of many thousands of dollars.

Game Preserve Planned.

Decatur, Ala.—Northern and eastern and local capitalists are making arrangements looking to the purchasing of several thousand acres of barren lands in Northern Alabama for a game preserve.

These barren lands lie about twenty miles north of this city and extend from a point in Southern Tennessee southward into Alabama for a distance of about fifteen miles. They extend about twenty-five miles east and west and embrace something like 375 square miles, or about 240,000 acres.

The soil is of a white sand and the region is covered by a dense growth of small scrubby blackjacks. In some places the underbrush is so dense that it is almost impossible for man or horse to penetrate. Several small creeks flow through the region, and it would make an ideal game preserve. But little of the land has ever been settled.

Only a few years ago deer, wild turkey, and black bear and smaller game could be found in these barrens in great quantities. Even now a few deer and wild turkeys and other game can be found there.

It is the purpose of the company who propose to buy this land to stock it with wild game of all kinds.

The United States government is contemplating purchasing a large block of land in Northwestern Alabama for a forestry reserve. In that portion of the state there are thousands of acres of timber lands which have never been touched by the woodman's ax.

Alabama Port Hotel Burned.

Mobile, Ala.—At Alabama Port, Mobile county, the Bay Shore Hotel, a splendid structure two stories high and containing about eighty rooms, was completely destroyed by fire. The fire was discovered at 7 a. m. on the roof of the building. Efforts to stop the progress of the flames proved unavailing, and the entire building and contents were destroyed. The building was erected about two years ago by the Alabama Port Company and cost \$10,000. It was at the time of its destruction under the management of J. P. McCann. The company carried only \$5,000 insurance on the building and contents.

Steps were taken immediately by the Alabama Port Company to have a new building erected on the site of the old one. The new structure is to be built of concrete blocks.

Harris Announces.

Montgomery, Ala.—Maj. John G. Harris has formally announced his candidacy for one of the places as associate railroad commissioner. He comes before the people of the state thoroughly equipped for the office. He possesses all the elements and qualifications that go to make up a first-class officer. He is thoroughly acquainted with the needs and demands of the people and is in hearty sympathy with the reform movement that is going on against the railroad freight rates. He stands pat on that question. He states that his platform gives out no doubtful or uncertain sound. He is with the people in this fight.

Machinery for New Plant.

Anniston, Ala.—The machinery for the Lehman Manufacturing Company has been received. It will be installed at once at the company's plant, formerly the Anniston Furniture Factory, which will be in operation in the course of a few weeks. The plant manufactures blinds, window sash and various other wooden articles of similar description. It will employ a large force of workmen, and will be a valuable addition to the Model City's many prosperous industries.

Engineering Association's Convention.

Birmingham, Ala.—The annual convention of the Engineering Association of the South will be held in Birmingham Friday and Saturday, November 15 and 16. The business sessions of the convention will be held on the third floor of the city hall.

The convention will open Friday at noon, and it is expected that all the business will be finished at the night session. According to the present arrangements Saturday will be devoted to viewing the different points of interest in and around Birmingham, and Saturday night a banquet will be given at the Hotel Hillman.

Bonds for School.

Enterprise, Ala.—The city council has voted to call an election to issue \$15,000 in bonds to be used in the erection of a school building. It will be completed in time for the next school year. In this action the council has the co-operation of the entire citizenship.

Mutines Continue.

St. Petersburg, via Eydtkuhnen.—Marines and sailors here have mutinied and refused to obey orders to go to Kronstadt. One of the sailors voiced the resistance of his fellows and, addressing Admiral Niedermiller, said: "You should be drowned in your own blood. You want to have us together so that you can repeat the Sevastopol massacre, but we refuse to obey." The sailors took refuge in their barracks, which have been surrounded by troops.

PLENTY OF FRAUD

In Kansas—24 Prominent men indicted by the Federal Grand Jury.

LEADING CITIZENS ARE CAUGHT.

Special Agent A. L. Green Says Work Has Only Begun—The State Is Honeycombed With Fraud.

Topeka, Kas.—After submitting a partial report, containing twenty-four indictments against cattlemen, the United States grand jury, which has been in session here for the past week investigating Kansas land fraud cases, adjourned Saturday night until Thursday, December 14. Three of the indictments charge conspiracy to defraud the United States government out of a portion of its public domain and subornation of perjury in the securing of fraudulent homestead entries. The other twenty-one indictments charge the unlawful enclosure of the public lands.

The complete list of indictments returned in the partial report submitted is as follows:

For conspiracy to defraud the United States government out of a portion of its public domain and subornation of perjury in securing fraudulent homestead entries: John E. Bilby, J. H. Drain and L. C. Jenks.

For the unlawful enclosure of public lands: H. A. Kelly, R. M. Crawford, Wood Scott, A. B. Lynch, Robert L. Morton, H. S. Joyce, E. Lehman, George W. Meridan, T. B. Porter, J. W. McLean, McCombs, J. M. Allen, J. M. Dean, John E. Bilby, J. H. Drain, R. L. Bilby, J. S. Bilby, Arthur Bowman.

Of the above R. M. Crawford is county treasurer of Stevens county; J. M. Allen is county attorney of Morton county, and E. M. Dean is probate judge of Morton county, all in this state.

J. S. Bilby is reputed to be one of the wealthiest men in the state of Missouri. He is indicted for illegal fencing, but his son, John E. Bilby, must answer the more serious charges of conspiracy to defraud and subornation of perjury. All of the men indicted are wealthy cattle barons.

The twenty-four indictments are the result of less than two months' work by Col. A. L. Green, special agent of the United States land office. Colonel Green states that he has barely commenced his work and will not stop until every case of land fraud in Kansas has been thoroughly investigated. The total amount of land held under fence by the indicted cattlemen is 402,000 acres, of which 135,065 acres is government land.

Witness Shot.

Birmingham, Ala.—The mysterious finding of a second dead man has complicated the killing of Daniel West, which occurred on the Tennessee road three miles from here five days since.

W. D. Johnson, who had testified at a coroner's inquest that he had loaned a pistol to Harry Scroggins and W. D. Harmon, who were charged with the murder, was discovered with a bullet in his breast in a similar manner to the finding of West. Johnson was quite dead when discovered, and had evidently been cold for some hours. At his side was his pistol, the same he is alleged to have loaned to the men charged with slaying West, with one chamber empty.

The deaths under such similar circumstances have created intense excitement.

Work for Life Savers.

Norfolk, Va.—As a result of the southeasterly gale that raged fiercely all day Saturday along the Atlantic seaboard, the point of greatest severity being Cape Hatteras and vicinity, there are three crafts practically on the beach between Cape Henry and Cape Hatteras and shipping has been entirely suspended out of Norfolk.

The steamer Argon is ashore seven miles north of Bodley Island.

A large barge, the tow of the Argon, turned loose early Saturday morning, ashore between Nags Head and Kill Devil's Hill.

An unknown schooner is ashore near Gull Shoals.

An unknown schooner was reported anchored off Cape Henry a mile and a half from shore, evidently in a crippled condition. So far as reported no lives have been lost, although the damage to shipping will be quite heavy.

The life saving crew at Cape Henry continuously patrolled the beach. The crews of all the stranded vessels, with the exception of the steamer Argon, have been landed by the life savers.

Representative Almon Resigns.

Hamilton, Ala.—Hon. C. P. Almon, who was representative in the 1903 legislature from Marion county, and who moved to Russellville, Ala., about fifteen months ago, has sent to the governor his resignation as representative for Marion county. In the event the legislature is called to meet in extra session a senator and a representative will have to be elected. Hon. W. I. Bullock, the late senator, having died nearly two years ago.

GOLD CANNOT ATONE.

Missionary Board Will Not Accept Cash for Murder of Missionaries.

New York.—That the Chinese government will not be required to pay punitive damage for the murder of several missionaries of the Presbyterian board of foreign missions at Lienchau, China, several weeks ago, has been decided so far as that board is concerned.

Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Brown, secretary of the board, said that the board has decided that if it accepts any indemnity at all for the murders it shall be only for the actual cost of replacing the property damaged or destroyed by the murders, and that the board will refuse to accept indemnity for the dead. Mr. Brown also gave out a letter which he has received from Sir Chentung Liang Cheng, the Chinese minister to the United States, in which the minister wrote:

"I note with special gratification that it has been unanimously decided by your board not to ask nor to receive indemnity of a punitive character. I have lost no time in advising my government of the conciliatory stand taken by your board in this matter, which I am sure will be gratefully appreciated by my government, as it is by myself."

"I have read with profound interest the extract from a letter recently received from the Rev. John Rogers Peale, one of the murdered missionaries. His words seem to me to have a prophetic ring. In his untimely death America has lost a notable son and China a true friend."

MRS. ROGERS HANGED.

Woman Pays Penalty for Murder of Her Husband, After Twice Being Reprieved.

Windsor, Vt.—Mrs. Mary Mabel Rogers was hanged at the Vermont state prison at Windsor at 1:13 o'clock Friday afternoon for the murder of her husband, Marcus Rogers. Mrs. Rogers was pronounced dead by the prison officials at 1:27 p. m. The execution took place after the woman had been twice reprieved on account of appeals made in her case by her counsel and after the United States supreme court refused to take action in the case.

Only a comparatively few persons witnessed the hanging, the number being restricted to those permitted to attend by the laws of Vermont.

Woman Shoots Tyrant Sakharoff. London.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, in a dispatch sent by way of Eydtkuhnen, says:

"Lieutenant-General Sakharoff, the former minister of war, was assassinated Thursday."

"The government had deputized General Sakharoff to visit the province of Saratoff for the purpose of quelling the Agrarian riots there."

"A woman belonging to the so-called 'Flying Column' of the revolutionary movement, called at the house of the governor at Saratoff and asked to see General Sakharoff. She fired three shots at the general, killing him on the spot."

St. Petersburg.—The assassination of General Sakharoff, former minister of war, has caused the greatest rejoicing on the part of the revolutionists, who openly declare that he was killed according to their orders to show bureaucracy that tyranny will be put down with bloodshed.

Ten Thousands Bill Introduced.

Washington, D. C.—With congress in session only a week over 10,000 bills have been introduced in the house alone. Of the number 5,373 are known as public bills, and 5,963 are designated as private measures, for the reason that they are in the interest of individuals or corporations. Of the latter class pension bills constitute the great bulk of the number presented.

Before this session comes to a close there will be something like 20,000 bills recorded, but comparatively few will become laws.

Overall Plant Burned.

Nashville, Tenn.—At 2 o'clock Sunday morning fire destroyed the plant of O'Bryan Bros., manufacturers of overalls, situated on the northeast corner of the public square. The loss on the stock is estimated at \$60,000, fully insured. Loss on building, property of B. B. Allen, estimated at \$20,000, and insured.

The big Methodist publishing house plant, directly across south from the burned building, was in much danger.

Two States Will Be Erected.

Washington, D. C.—Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, chairman of the committee on territories, had a conference with the president, in part regarding the status of the statehood bill. The senator is confident that congress at the present session will erect two states and that the opposition will be serious. One will be of Oklahoma and the Indian Territory and the other from New Mexico and Arizona.

Improvements Will Be Made.

Birmingham, Ala.—The Sayre Mining and Manufacturing Company will make some immense improvements in its property and holdings in the Birmingham district. The extent of these improvements has not yet been made spent. Not only will the property of the company at Sayre be improved and the output of the mines increased materially, but the company will probably establish industrial plants in the district.

LIGHT

Breaking in Russia—Situation Despite Sensational Statements is much Improved.

A NEW ERA IS NOW DAWNING.

Thousands of Japanese Soldiers, Prisoners of War in Russia, Boarding Steamers for Home.

Berlin.—In spite of all sensational statements to the contrary, the situation in Russia is rapidly improving, and according to letters from the czarina to her relatives at Darmstadt neither she nor the czar have at any time had any fear for their personal safety.

With Trepoff and Pobiedonostseff out of the way and the grand ducale clique thoroughly disheartened, the czar has now become convinced that the program of Count Witte offers the only remedy against the present disturbances, and Nicholas is now working on a message which will give to the people of Russia the political freedom they have been sighing for for years.

That a new era is dawning in Russia is clearly shown by the fact that Maxim Gorki, a few months ago in danger of being banished, has now been allowed to publish a daily paper, "New Life," devoted to the interests of the working people of Russia.

This is the first socialist paper openly published in Russia, and Count Witte, although opposed to the principles it advocates, was the first to subscribe for it.

Thousands of Japanese soldiers, who have been prisoners of war in Russia, are in this city at present en route for Bremen, where they are to board steamers which are to carry them back. All these men, nearly all of whom are invalids and hopelessly crippled, speak in the highest terms of the treatment they have received in Russia.

Charitable Russian ladies have provided them not only with clothes and shoes and tobacco, but also with money, which will enable those most severely wounded to spend the rest of their days in comfort.

From their own government they have received nothing, and not even those who have lost arms and legs will receive any pension, so that but for Russian generosity they would have to starve to death after they reach Japan.

Cloyd's Landing, Ky.—Martin Skipworth, a wealthy farmer of Potter's Creek, this county, committed suicide by hanging himself. Skipworth arose early in the morning and went to his barn to feed his stock, as was thought, but as he staid longer than usual, members of his family went to look after him and found him swinging to the top of the barn dead. It is said this was his third attempt. There is no apparent cause for Skipworth's taking his life, and some persons profess to believe that he was murdered, but there is no evidence to sustain this theory. He had just sold his farm for which he received \$5,000, and had purchased another nearby, for which he was to pay \$4,000, and the deal was to have been closed on the day he committed suicide. The deceased was 55 years of age, and is survived by a wife and several children and grandchildren.

Elect Senators by Popular Vote.

Washington, D. C.—"I favor the election of senators by popular vote in their respective states," says Hon. John Sharp Williams.

"The constitution provides two methods for its amendment. One is when two-thirds of each house of congress submits an amendment to the people. A constitutional amendment to require the popular election of senators will never be passed that way, for the simple reason that the senate will never concur. The only way that it can be passed is by three-fourths of the states acting in that way, in a convention called for that purpose. Whether that will ever be done or not the public is as good a judge as I."

"In my own part of the country senators are already substantially elected by the people. Party primaries are held and a majority is required; if there is only a plurality in the first primary another is held between the two highest candidates, so that there shall be a majority, and the man elected by the majority of the people is the nominee of his party, and his election acts as an instruction to the senators and the members of the house of the state legislature."

"A man would no sooner think of violating it than an elector would think of violating his pledge for a certain presidential ticket."

Masked Men Blow Open Safe.

Reading, Mass.—A gang of eight masked men entered this town, captured and locked up the two policemen who were patrolling the main street and then forced entrance to the Mechanics' Bank, where they blew open with dynamite a safe belonging to the Reading water works. They secured \$400. The robbers were seen by several citizens and shots were exchanged. No one was injured, however.

THE WEEK IN COTTON. BITS OF NEWS

Gibert & Clay's Weekly Market Letter.

Opinion has been moulded and important historical facts in the cotton trade have been recorded by the events of the past week. It has been shown, for instance, that southern people are better qualified to pass upon all the conditions that enter into the raising and marketing of a cotton crop than are the speculators of New York and foreign countries. Even the agricultural department, loath as it is to set forth facts that will serve to advance and enrich southern interests, has had to confess the shortness of the crop, even while doing its best by changing the method of figuring to make it appear large.

The correctness and honesty of the methods employed by the census bureau to collect statistics as to ginning are not questioned, and the census report of yesterday, while disappointing some whose views were probably registered too low, at the same time reflected very closely the actual condition of statistics submitted to that department. The main thing is to know what percentage of the crop is represented by the ginning to December 1, and best information and opinion point to 83 to 90 per cent. Forecast also indicates that the next ginner's report, to be issued on the 20th inst., will show now over 9,100,000 bales.

When all has been said on this question, however, there yet remains the stubborn fact that, no matter what pressure may be brought to bear upon the market by speculators and those financially interested to depress it, the holders of spots is the deciding factor, and absolutely no weakness appears to date in that department.

So long as spots remain firm and difficult to buy, except at premiums, and in the absence of any unfavorable features pointing to a lessening of consumption, we can see very little risk in buying cotton in the anticipation of much higher prices later in the season.

Interior and port receipts continue to show a decline as compared with last year. The dry good markets continue firm. The farmer and merchant are in excellent financial condition, and cotton will bring cash any day.

W. L. SIMS,
Manager.

Lawson-Barron Troubles.

Boston, Mass.—The Suffolk county grand jury failed to return an indictment against Thomas W. Lawson, who had been held for that body by the municipal court on the charge of criminal libel. The charges were preferred by Clarence W. Barron, the proprietor of the Boston News Bureau. A "no" bill was reported by the jurors.

The grand jury returned no indictment against Mr. Barron, against whom it was understood Mr. Lawson had offered evidence before the grand jury in connection with a criminal libel complaint.

The action of the jury puts an end to the controversy between Messrs. Lawson and Barron so far as the criminal courts are concerned. Mr. Barron's charges were based upon an article referring to him published in a magazine and alleged to have been written by Mr. Lawson. Mr. Lawson's complaint was founded upon statement in Mr. Barron's newspaper.

Running Street Fight.

New York.—In a running street battle of two mounted policemen and one patrolman against a highway robber in Brooklyn two of the officers were shot. The robber, James Murphy, was caught in the act of holding up a 17-year-old boy, and ran down Carlton avenue, dodging behind trees to shoot at his pursuers. The police fired only one shot, fearing to hit pedestrians. Murphy first brought down Patrolman Edward Quinn with a bullet in the hip, and then Mounted Policeman Edward J. O'Connor, who was also hit in the hip. He tried to shoot the horse of the remaining mounted officer, but the revolver failed to fire, and the officer captured and arrested him. The wounded policemen will recover.

Father Gapon Is Up to Death.

St. Petersburg, via Eydtkuhnen.—Father Gapon, who was leader of the workmen at the inception of the labor troubles nearly a year ago, which led up to the present revolutionary movement, was Thursday condemned to death by a tribunal named by the central revolutionary committee. Two emissaries of the committee were named to carry out the sentence. Treachery to the cause of the people is the charge made against Father Gapon. On his return recently to Russia Father Gapon argued strongly against the continuance of the strikes. Immediately it was declared by the revolutionists that he had been bought by the government.

To Open More Ballot Boxes.

New York.—Applications to open seventeen ballot boxes were made by counsel for William R. Hearst, who is contesting New York's recent majority election with George B. McClellan. Justice Stover, of the supreme court, signed orders to show cause why that number of ballot boxes should not be opened. The orders are returnable in the supreme court.

WASHINGTON.

Thirty seed dealers of the country have protested to the President against the free seed distribution by members of congress.

The twenty-second annual report of the United States Civil Service Commission was made public.

Receipts from internal revenue for the year ending June 30 were \$234,178,076, an excess of \$1,284,195 over last year.

The Washington Typothetae posted notice in all their shops announcing that after January 1, 1906, their business would be conducted as "open shops."

Orders have been issued to the tug Potomac to accompany the Glacier on her cruise to the Philippines, and assist that vessel and the colliers Brutus and Caesar in towing the drydock Dewey from Solomon's Islands to Olongapo.

It was said that the President has not yet decided that a prosecution of the Standard Oil Company, but is awaiting the completion of Commissioner Garfield's report on the oil industry.

A bill conferring the power to regulate railroad rates on the Interstate Commerce Commission was presented to the Senate committee having charge of that subject.

OUR ADOPTED ISLANDS.

Owing to the recent murder of Clarence Allen, principal of the public school at Orono, P. I., by a fifteen-year-old Filipino boy, and the wounding of Mrs. Allen by the same youth, the American teachers have been withdrawn from that place.

Russians representing a colony near Los Angeles, Cal., have held numerous conferences with Governor Carter and Land Commissioner J. B. Castle, at Honolulu, H. I., regarding a plan to bring a colony to Honolulu.

Honolulu has on exhibition a specimen of the illi or "stone that breeds," from Kau Island. The natives say that if the stone is placed in a glass jar and water poured over it and the jar be corked for a couple of days the stone will reproduce itself in the form of four or five smaller stones.

The island of Lanai, the smallest inhabited island of the Hawaiian group, is being laid bare by the ravages of wild goats and the blowing away of its vegetation and soil by high winds. There are very few inhabitants there.

DOMESTIC.

The Illinois Steel Company, a branch of the United States Steel Corporation, sustained a loss of \$1,000,000 by fire, which destroyed a building in Chicago, Ill.

The fourth competition for the J. H. Lazarus scholarship for mural painting has been awarded to Paul Chalfont, of Boston, Mass.

The Pittsburg Steamship Company's W. E. Corey, stranded during the recent storm off Gull Island, Lake Superior, has been released.

Information was received at Altoona, Pa., by John Simonon, that his brother, Samuel T. Simonon, his wife and son, had been waylaid, murdered and robbed of \$2000 in Mexico.

Orla Morey, of Rupert, Vt., captain and pitcher of Beloit's baseball team, was drowned in Rock River while skating.

Harry Rowe, of Sidney, Iowa, eighteen years old, died from internal ruptures received in a football game three weeks ago.

A hole 100 feet across has been torn in the earth near the Humble oil field, in Texas, by a blow-out of gas.

Several buildings containing costly machinery were burned at the United States proving grounds, at Sandy Hook, the damage being unestimated.

There was great anxiety in Phoenix, Ariz., concerning damage to property from the floods, Salt River being higher than at any time since 1891.

A new trial was denied Charles L. Tucker, at Boston, Mass., who had been convicted of the murder of Mabel Page and sentenced to death.

Four persons escaped from jail at Superior, Wis., after a daring attempt at wholesale delivery.

Commissioner McAdoo will introduce the thumb-print system of identifying criminals in the New York City Police Department.

A mob stormed the jail at Mexico, Mo., to secure Edmund J. Bailey, who had killed Jay Lawder, but Bailey had been taken away.

FOREIGN.

Russian and Japanese fought fire side by side at Alexandrovsk, Sakhalin Island, thirty buildings being destroyed.

Over 1000 Chinese who are merchants in a small way, at Singapore, attended a meeting at which a considerable sum was collected for the purpose of continuing the boycott on American goods.

Three of the ten schooners driven out of St. John's, N. E., by the gale of recent date have been brought safely to port.

The Vienna correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph says: "The international fleet has occupied the island of Lemnos (in European Turkey)."

Reports from Liban state that several of the nobility officials and other residents of Livonia and Courland have been attacked by peasants, killed and mutilated.

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Fifteen Cent Cotton.

The Cotton Growers of the south, through and with the assistance of their organization, the Southern Cotton Association is slowly but surely winning the greatest commercial battle ever known in the world. They are being applauded by millions of people who are watching the great fight that is being successfully waged by them to throw off the yoke of thieving and speculative manipulation that has held them so long, and has been the means of enabling the spinners to grow enormously wealthy at the expense of the poor farmer.

Those who stood loyally to the Association and accepted its advice, as given last January, to fix a price of 10c per pound on their cotton—demand it and get it—did so, notwithstanding there were thousands who derided their efforts by saying: "Impossible, foolish, etc." The amount of cotton held by the loyal ones was sufficient to bring the price to 10c before the present crop was ready for market.

On September 7th, the Association advised the farmers to ask 11c for their cotton as conditions fully warranted that price. Many fixed that price and sold for it.

Now, on December 1st, the fact that the crop is very short has been established beyond the shadow of a doubt, and only a small remnant of that left unsold, also that the markets are bare of dry goods with future prices enormously advanced, cotton mills loaded down with contracts and orders for goods several months ahead, and only with about one half enough cotton in sight to fill them. Will they pay 15c for cotton? Why, of course they will if you ask it! If you do not they will take it at 5c as they have done in the past.

Decide for yourselves—let them have it at its actual value, 15c, of let them take it at their price, 5c,—it is yours—do as you please, but remember that if you sell for less than its value, 15c, you are not only injuring yourself, but every other owner of cotton is being denied his price while you are giving yours away, which prevents the advance as long as they can get it at less than its value.

Hundreds of thousands of bales are being pledged to the Southern Cotton Association for 15c, enough to force the price to its value very soon, unless buyers can continue to get yours that is not pledged at their price, in this event, the price cannot reach its value until yours has been taken out of the way and at their price—then the loyal ones will again reap the benefits of their Association's hard work in their behalf.

RICHARD CHEATHAM,
 Secy. Southern Cotton Association.

Report of County Union Meeting.

The Shelby County Division of the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America held its regular fourth quarterly meeting with Kingdom Valley Local Dec. 8th, 1905.

Quite a large crowd of very enthusiastic delegates and spectators were present, and the prime motive with them seemed to be business that would be beneficial to the farming class of people. The first item subject to publication was the election of the following officers for the ensuing year: Hosea Pearson, President; W. E. Finley, Secretary-Treasurer; J. T. McGibney, Chaplin; J. M. Allen, Doorkeeper; J. M. Leonard, Conductor; J. D. Striplin and J. C. Winslett, Lecturers; W. T. Smith, Dr. H. B. Lane and C. M. Wooten, Executive Committee; C. S. Archer, A. M. Waldrop and R. A. O'Hara, Committee on good order; T. M. Dunan, E. W. Holland and T. W. Johnson, Committee on credentials.

The following resolutions were adopted.
 1st. Resolved, that this County Union return it heartfelt thanks

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W. E. FINLEY,
 County Secretary-Treasurer.

Items from Weldon.

Health of community good with exceptions.
 Rev. C. W. O'Hara, of Columbiana, filled his regular appointment at New Prospect Saturday and Sunday.

D. W. Sharbutt and W. J. Sewell transacted business at Columbiana Wednesday last.

W. A. Parker, of Columbiana, was in our community on business last Saturday.

Mex L. Sharbutt paid Fourmile a business trip one day last week so he says.

One of our boys took a trip down to Teagies Bridge Sunday. Silas it is too rough on old shoes to hoof it that far.

J. T. Crenshaw and wife, of beat 8, spent Saturday night and Sunday with D. W. Sharbutt's family.

Miles Reid, of Fourmile, was in our community on business Friday so I've been told.

Rev. Jones preached at Wilders's Hill Sunday afternoon and was followed by Rev. Ike Davis.

J. E. Blackerby, of Fourmile, was in our town Saturday afternoon on business.

Roy Lester was the happy escort of Miss Katie Eubanks from Wilders Hill Sunday afternoon.

Rev. B. C. Hughes filled his regular appointment at Mt. Calvary Sunday.

Rev. W. G. McDaniel's school has been in a flourishing condition for some time. We wish for the Parson much success.

Oscar E. Walton is in Birmingham for a few days. Oscar says he is gone for good, but we know there is no place like home.

We learn there is to be considerable changing about done between now and Xmas.

The angel of death has again visited our community, this time taking for its victim Mrs. James Fowler. She was an affectionate wife, fond mother, good neighbor and above all a most devoted Christian. To know her was to love her. She was indeed an example to her friends, and in her death our community loses one of its truest and most kindhearted women. Her remains were laid to rest at New Prospect church Friday afternoon to await the summons of her Master, Rev. A. C. Messer conducting the funeral services. We extend sympathy to the bereaved husband and children in this sad hour of bereavement, and hope they will realize that their Master's will must be done.

Married, in the public road at this place Sunday morning Mr. Robert Martin and Miss Mattie Stamps, J. E. Adams officiating. The bride is one of Fourmile's most charming young girls and Mr. Martin is to be congratulated on winning for life such a lovely companion. Miss Mattie, the groom is well known here, having been reared here and is the son of Rev. James D. Martin a well known Baptist minister. We wish for them a long and prosperous voyage across the sea of life.

WILD BILL.
 Grip Quickly Knocked Out.

"Some weeks ago during the severe winter weather both my wife and myself contracted severe colds which speedily developed into the worst kind of la grippe with all of its miserable symptoms," says Mr. J. S. Eggleston of Maple Landing, Iowa. "Knees and joints aching, muscles sore, head stopped up, eyes and nose running with alternate spells of chills and fever. We began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, aiding the same with a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, and by its liberal use soon completely knocked out the grip." These Tablets promote a health action of the bowels, liver and kidneys which is always beneficial when the system is congested by a cold or attack of the grip. For sale by Williams Bros.

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Kingdom.
 W. T. Crumpton, who has been attending court in Birmingham, returned home last week.

T. A. Jackson, wife and mother spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives near Shelby.

J. T. Crawford and family will leave the 19th for Texas, their future home.

W. W. Elliott, of Pelham, visited relatives in our community last week.

Mrs. Maggie Britt, who has been visiting her father, W. H. Strain, has returned to her home at Eufania.

J. E. Jackson and wife will leave for Texas the 19th of this month to visit relatives.

Miss Willie Bailey spent Saturday night with her friend, Miss Celia Crumpton.

The pound supper given at the residence of E. L. Crumpton last week was highly enjoyed by all present.

S. and D.

Torture of a Preacher.

The story of the torture of Rev. O. D. Moore, pastor of the Baptist church of Harpersville, N. Y., will interest you. He says: "I suffered agonies because of a persistent cough, resulting from the grip. I had to sleep sitting up in bed. I tried many remedies without relief until I took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption Coughs and Colds, which entirely cured my cough and saved me from consumption." A grand cure for diseased conditions of the Throat and Lungs. At the City Drug Store; price 50 cents and \$1.00, guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

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Rev. J. W. Jones filled his regular appointment here Saturday night and Sunday.

T. M. Hataway and Will Baker attended services here Sunday.

Mrs. Martha Foster spent Sunday with Mrs. Rosa Howell.

Miss Nancy Davis spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Margaret Thomas.

Miss Mary Davis attended services at Wilders Hill Sunday afternoon.

William Howell, of East Saginaw, was in our community Monday.

Dan Salsar and wife attended services here Sunday.

Rev. I. J. Davis attended services at Wilders Hill Sunday afternoon.

Judge Davis was the happy escort of Miss Jane Howell Sunday as usual.

S. L. Moore paid Columbiana a visit Saturday.

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MENS OVERCOATS.		BUGGIES.
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RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES.
Loans and Discounts \$44,756.71	Capital Stock Paid in \$20,000.00
Overdrafts 484.65	Undivided Profits, less Current Expenses and Taxes Paid 2578.66
Banking House 5,000.00	Individual Deposits subject to Check 39531.25
Furniture and Fixtures 2,000.00	Savings Deposits 918.81
Other Real Estate 3000.00	Interest Bearing Deposits 1350.00
Due from Banks and Bankers in this State 12727.61	Cashier's Checks 14,206.25
Due from Banks and Bankers in other States 5055.42	Notes & Bills Rediscounted 8,500.00
Currency 6101.00	
Gold 2045.00	
Silver, Nickels and Pennies 1598.89	
Checks and Cash Items 4490.38	
Total \$87,259.66	Total \$87,259.66

State of Alabama,)
 County of Shelby. }

Before me came W. L. Farley, Cashier of Columbiana Savings Bank, who being duly sworn, says that the above foregoing statement is a true condition of said Bank, as shown by the books on file in said Bank.

W. L. FARLEY, Cashier.
 Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 13th day of October, 1905

W. W. WALLACE, Notary Public.
 ATTEST: W. B. Browne, W. G. Parker, J. T. Leeper, Directors.

Notice.

I shall proceed to sell at my place near Longview on Thursday, Dec. 30th, household and kitchen furniture, farming tools, one set of blacksmith tools and one rubber tire buggy.

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Notice No. 26154.
 Notice For Publication.
 Department of the Interior, land office at Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 20, 1905.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Clerk of the Circuit Court at Columbiana, Ala., on Jan. 9th, 1906, viz: James M. Gilbert, Homestead entry No. 84402, for the e half of the ne qr, sw qr of ne qr, section 24, tp 19, s r 2 w. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said lands, viz: F. P. Sorrell, W. C. Brasher, G. L. Maske, W. L. Coats, all of Quitto, Ala.

ROBERT BARBER, Register.

Notice No. 26255.

Notice For Publication.

Department of the Interior, land office at Montgomery, Ala., November 27, 1905.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Clerk of Circuit Court at Columbiana, Ala., on January 13, 1906, viz: James Macey Nolen, Homestead entry No. 33271, for the south half of ne qr, north half of se qr of sec. 26, tp. 19, s of r 2 w. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Frank Sorrells, Thomas Brasher, Ellick Brasher, Jack Brasher, all of Quitto, Ala.

ROBERT BARBER, Register.

Notice No. 26254.

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Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Clerk of Circuit Court at Columbiana, Ala., on January 13, 1906, viz: John M. Shoemaker, homestead entry No. 36010, for the south half of the sw qr of sec. 8, tp. 20, s of r 2 w. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Monroe M. Attaway, Mel Cox, William W. Kendrick, J. W. Elkins, all of Pelham, Ala.

ROBERT BARBER, Register.

Notice of Guardian Sale.

Under and by virtue of an order and decree entered on the first day of December, 1905, by the Hon. A. P. Longshore, Judge of Probate, in and for Shelby county, I will sell at Calera, Ala., on the 23rd day of December, 1905, between the legal hours of sale, an undivided (two-fifths) lot fifth interest in the following lot in Calera, Ala., described as follows:

Lot No. 462, fronting 50 feet on Gardner street, running back 150 feet to an alley, according to Dare's survey, situated in the town of Calera, Shelby county, Ala., said lot belonging to Mary L. Moss and Geo. P. Moss, minors, and will be sold for the maintenance of said minors.

W. H. Moss, Guardian.

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Social and Local News.

Tom Norris spent last Friday in Birmingham.

R. C. Naish, of Saginaw, was in town Saturday.

N. L. Evans spent last Thursday in Birmingham.

W. H. Pledger, of Pelham, was in town Saturday.

John C. Williams, of Shelby, was in the city Saturday.

Wm. Cooper, of Coalville, was in town one day last week.

G. B. Walker, Esq., was in Chidlersburg Thursday.

Miss Lyda Nelson is visiting relatives in Atlanta, Ga.

The Columbiana Mercantile Co., is now open for business.

Rev. G. T. Harris preached at the Methodist church Sunday.

Work on the new depot at Calera has been commenced.

J. P. Garrett, of beat 4, was in town a short while Saturday.

W. A. Parker spent a few hours in Birmingham last Thursday.

Max Lefkowitz was in Birmingham last Thursday on business.

J. W. Harrell has a position at Bessemer as telegraph operator.

W. H. Moss, of Calera, was in town a short while last Thursday.

J. H. Grimes and Wm. Cooper, of Coalville, were in town Saturday.

D. C. Nickerson, of Siluria, was among the visitors in town Saturday.

W. J. Sewell, of Weldon, was in town one day last week on business.

Mrs. W. A. Abercrombie left Saturday for Wylam, her future home.

J. M. Leonard, Jr., of Longview, spent Saturday in town with friends.

Nolen Barnett has a position with the Southern Railway as fireman.

Henry J. Coshatt, of Sterrett, was in town Friday and Saturday on business.

Mrs. Henry Chapman visited relatives in Montevallo Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. J. W. Harrell and children left Saturday for Miami, Fla., to visit relatives.

Rev. C. C. Heard will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday. Everybody invited.

Mrs. H. C. Moss and children, of Calera, spent a few days here last week with relatives.

Commissioners court was in extra session Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

Judge A. P. Longshore and J. W. Johnston were in Birmingham last Thursday and Friday.

Work on the new residence of T. J. Weaver on East College street is progressing nicely. W. W. Albright has the contract.

COMING EILERS

Grand Spectacular Production OF

RIP VAN WINKLE.

Gorgeous Costumes; Elegant Scenery. Band and Orchestra.

Grand Parade December 19th, 1 P. M. COLLEGE HALL

Tuesday Night, December 19th. Twenty—PEOPLE—Twenty.

Prices: Children 25; Adults 50 & 75.

S. Z. T. Champion, of Sterrett, was in town Saturday.

Sam Lefkowitz, of Bessemer, was in the city Tuesday.

Henry Chapman spent Monday and Tuesday in Montevallo.

J. L. and George Baker, of Four mile, were in town Monday.

See the advertisement of Atkinson, Bird & Co., in this issue.

W. A. Thompson was in Birmingham Tuesday on business.

J. A. MacKnight, of Shelby Springs, was in the city Monday.

W. M. Connell, of beat 2, was among the visitors in town Saturday.

Jim Lacey, of Maylene, visited relatives in the city Monday and Tuesday.

N. L. Evans and family moved Monday to the Huyett residence on Depot street.

J. L. Gardner and J. H. Grimes, of Coalville, spent Saturday in town on business.

Mrs. Deshazo, of Pelham, visited her sister, Mrs. A. W. Strickland here Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Charlie Brooks and children visited relatives in Birmingham Friday and Saturday.

Columbiana had quite a number of visitors Saturday and our merchants did a good business.

Several young people were entertained at the home of Mr and Mrs J. H. Abercrombie Friday night.

J. A. MacKnight has given up Shelby Springs and he and his family will reside on a farm near Calera.

A social entertainment was enjoyed by several of our young people at the White House last Friday night.

Mrs. E. F. Upshaw, who has been visiting the family of S. W. Nelson for some time, returned to Atlanta, Ga., last week.

In this issue will be found an advertisement from Shelby Springs. Read it and then go and get the benefit or the bargains.

W. H. Farr and family, of Four-mile, moved to this place Tuesday and are occupying their residence on West College street.

In this issue will be found the advertisement of the Columbiana Mercantile Co. Be sure and read the bargains they are offering.

Miss Linnie Seale, after spending a few weeks with relatives and friends in the city, returned to her home at Miami, Fla., Saturday.

Mrs. W. J. Nelson and children, of Shelby Springs, left Sunday for Greensboro, their future home. Mr. Nelson is section foreman at that place.

M. F. Holmes, of near Vincent, was in the city Saturday on business, and while here renewed his subscription to the Advocate for another year.

The City Drug Store

Has Just Received

Their Complete Outfit for Hot

Drinks of All Kinds During

the Winter Season.

COFFEE, HOT CHOCOLATE, SOUPS AND BOULLONS

will be served at all times

as well as all other delicious hot

drinks. This store has also just

received a complete line of fine

Jewelry. Notice this cut.

And every article is guaranteed.

Come in—take a look at a beautiful display of JEWELRY

On the counter you will also find catalog illustrating thousands of useful and practical Gems

If you want the very best values for your money BUY HERE THAT'S ALL

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Complete Abstract Of Shelby County.

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BEST EQUIPMENTS; SUPERIOR WORK.

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John A. Dorwin, Sec & Treas

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PROTECTION AT HOME FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

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The Poor Man's Friend.

Insurance at actual cost. Insurance that suits the masses. Insurance for men and women from sixteen to sixty. One thousand members constitute a Division. One thousand dollars the limit of Policy. Money kept at home in your local bank. Paid to the member that dies as soon as satisfactory proof of death is received at home office. One-fourth of the amount due on the Policy can be paid within twenty-four hours and the remainder in thirty days.

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Class A—Ages 16 to 30	\$4.00	One year from the date of policy and annually thereafter the annual dues are:	
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Class C—Ages 40 to 50	6.00	Class B—Ages 30 to 40	1.25
Class D—Ages 50 to 55	7.00	Class C—Ages 40 to 50	1.50
Class E—Ages 55 to 60	8.00	Class D—Ages 50 to 55	1.75
		Class E—Ages 55 to 60	2.00

The above membership fees are paid only one time. Of these amount one dollar shall be placed in the hands of the local Secretary and Treasurer as an advanced assessment to meet the first death loss in above Division.

When a member dies each policy holder pays to the local Secretary and Treasurer within thirty days, \$1.15. If no death, none needed.

DEATH OF GEO. W. DAVIS, OF VINCENT, SHELBY COUNTY, ALA.

Deceased was a consistent member of the church, a loving husband, kind and affectionate father and good citizen. The best investment of his life was a policy in the Shelby County Division of the Mutual Life and Industrial Association of Georgia, which will be a great benefit to the widow and four children who would have been left in very straitened circumstances without said policy. To the policy holders respond cheerfully and promptly to the assessment of only \$1.15 and place in bank \$1,000 to be paid your wife and children should your labor, by providence be taken away from them. The few who have lapsed will only have ten days to pay their \$1.15 and be reinstated without extra cost—What a great mistake you will make if you do not do this. If you are fortunate enough to live you will not begrudge helping widows and orphans of your deceased neighbor that much.

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Reliable Men Wanted to Represent this Popular Company. Apply to

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2430 5th Avenue,
Birmingham, Alabama.

or T. A. LEATHERS,
Division Agent, Columbiana, Ala.

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Low Prices Not A Accident With Us.

There is no strange or startling reason for our

LOW PRICES.

The reason is this: Our goods are always FRESH and the BEST the market affords. Then again, we are not sleeping when market prices are low. We take advantage of fluctuation at the low market. This is why you can always purchase the BEST GOODS at LOWEST PRICES here. Prices we quote do seem Unreasonably Low to those who have been paying much more for the same goods elsewhere, but we give everybody a chance to prove us by giving you your MONEYS WORTH or your money back. We would appreciate your trade, not the extra profit, but

Your Trade.

Come and be Convinced.

YOURS FOR BUSINESS,

ATKINSON, BIRD & CO.

PAINFUL PERIODS

Suggestions How to Find Relief from Such Suffering.



While no woman is entirely free from periodical suffering, it does not seem to be the plan of nature that women should suffer so severely. Menstruation is a severe strain on a woman's vitality. If it is painful or irregular something is wrong which should be set right or it will lead to a serious derangement of the whole female organism.

More than fifty thousand women have testified in grateful letters to Mrs. Pinkham that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound overcomes painful and irregular menstruation.

It provides a safe and sure way of escape from distressing and dangerous weaknesses and diseases. The two following letters tell so convincingly what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will do for women, they cannot fail to bring hope to thousands of sufferers.

Miss Nellie Holmes of 540 N. Davidson Street, Buffalo, N. Y., writes:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—Your medicine is indeed an ideal medicine for women. I suffered miserably for years with painful periods, headaches, and bearing-down pains. I consulted two different physicians but failed to get any relief. A friend from the East advised me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I did so, and no longer suffer as I did before. My periods are natural, every ache and pain is gone, and my general health is much improved. I advise all women who suffer to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Mrs. Tillie Hart, of Larimore, N. D., writes:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—I might have been spared many months of suffering and pain had I only known of the efficacy of Lydia E. Pinkham's Ask Mrs. Pinkham's Advice—A Woman Best Understands a Woman's Ills.

An Artistic Industry.

A flourishing industry for native women has been established in Bombay in the manufacture of artistic seed and bead articles. Women are taught to make beads out of the hard and various colored seeds to be found in the jungle and to make up the beads into necklaces, curtain loops, napkin rings, hatpins and many other ornamental articles. A cheap, simple and efficient machine for drilling the hard seeds has been devised after much experiment. The seed, which is most extensively used in India for necklaces and charms, is the rudraksha, a brown nut which seems to be much too hard a seed for insects of any kind to penetrate. It is worn as a sacred necklace by the followers of Shiva and has also a considerable ornamental value.

A slate quarryman living at Delta, Pa., Humphrey G. Pritchard, has made a clock out of slate. The varieties he used include peach bottom blue slate and the red, green and purple slate of Vermont. About 164 separate pieces of this material were used in the construction and are held together by twenty-three dozen small metal screws. Many of the slate sheets are as thin as paper, and scores were broken before the timepiece was finished after eight months' work. The clock is four feet high, two feet wide and one foot deep. It has a cathedral gong and is lighted by nine incandescent bulbs.

Indian Tea. More than 524,000 acres of the soil of India are devoted to the raising of tea. The total yield last year was 222,203,661 pounds. The capital engaged amounts to \$60,778,000.

What will be the largest carpet in the world is still being made in London. It will cover 63,000 square feet and will serve on the "ground" for winter sports in the Olympia, London. Its cost will be \$25,000.

A BRAIN WORKER

Must Have the Kind of Food That Nourishes Brains.

"I am a literary man whose nervous energy is a great part of my stock in trade, and ordinarily I have little patience with breakfast foods and the extravagant claims made of them. But I cannot withhold my acknowledgment of the debt that I owe to Grape-Nuts food.

I discovered long ago that the very bulkiness of the ordinary diet was not calculated to give one a clear head, the power of sustained, accurate thinking. I always felt heavy and sluggish in mind as well as body after eating the ordinary meal, which diverted the blood from the brain to the digestive apparatus.

I tried foods easy of digestion, but found them usually deficient in nutriment. I experimented with many breakfast foods and they, too, proved unsatisfactory, till I reached Grape-Nuts. And then the problem was solved.

"Grape-Nuts agreed with me perfectly from the beginning, satisfying my hunger and supplying the nutriment that so many other prepared foods lack.

"I had not been using it very long before I found that I was turning out an unusual quantity and quality of work. Continued use has demonstrated to my entire satisfaction that Grape-Nuts food contains all the elements needed by the brain and nervous system of the hard working public writer." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There's a reason. Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville" in pkgs.

Vegetable Compound sooner, for I have tried so many remedies without help. I dreaded the approach of my menstrual period every month, as it meant so much pain and suffering for me, but after I had used the Compound two months I became regular and natural and am now perfectly well and free from pain at my monthly periods. I am very grateful for what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me.

Such testimony should be accepted by all women as convincing evidence that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound stands without a peer as a remedy for all the distressing ills of women.

The success of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound rests upon the well-earned gratitude of American women.

When women are troubled with irregular, suppressed or painful menstruation, leucorrhoea, displacement or ulceration of the womb, bearing-down feeling, inflammation of the ovaries, backache, bloating, (or flatulency), general debility, indigestion and nervous prostration, or are beset with such symptoms as dizziness, faintness, lassitude, excitability, irritability, nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, they should remember there is one tried and true remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once removes such troubles. Refuse to buy any other medicine, for you need the best.

Don't hesitate to write to Mrs. Pinkham if there is anything about your sickness you do not understand. She will treat you with kindness and her advice is free. No woman ever regretted writing her and she has helped thousands. Address: Lynn, Mass.

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Wilhelm an Auto Fiend.

The Kaiser already has six autos and now has ordered seven more in one lot. Meanwhile his horses are eating their heads off in the stable.

MILK CRUST ON BABY

Lost All His Hair—Scratched Till Blood Ran—Grateful Mother Tells of His Cure by Cuticura For 75c.

"When our baby boy was three months old he had the milk crust very badly on his head, so that all the hair came out, and it itched so bad he would scratch until the blood ran. I got a cake of Cuticura Soap and a box of Cuticura Ointment. I applied the Cuticura and put a thin cap on his head, and before I had used half of the box it was entirely cured, his hair commenced to grow out nicely again, and he has had no return of the trouble. (Signed) Mrs. H. P. Holmes, Ashland, Ore."

Mourns Race Suicide. A Rochester priest draped his baptismal font with crepe because of the scarcity of christenings.

Cures Blood, Skin Troubles, Cancer, Blood Poison, Greatest Blood Purifier Free.

If your blood is impure, thin, diseased, hot or full of humors, if you have blood poison, cancer, eczema, itching, rashes and lumps, scabby, pimply skin, bone pains, catarrh, rheumatism, or any blood or skin disease, take B. B. B. Blood Balm (B. B. B.) according to directions. Soon all sores heal, aches and pains stop, the blood is made pure and rich, leaving the skin free from every eruption, and giving the rich glow of perfect health to the skin. At the same time, B. B. B. improves the digestion, cures dyspepsia, strengthens weak kidneys. Just the medicine for old people, as it gives them new, vigorous blood. Druggists, \$1 per large bottle, with directions for home cure. Sample free and prepaid by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. Describe trouble and special free medical advice also sent in sealed letter. B. B. B. is especially advised for chronic, deep-seated cases of impure blood and skin disease, and cures after all else fails.

One of the most useful instruments in use by surveyors is the odometer for measuring distances by the combination of a single wheel and a cyclo-meter. This is trundled along the ground in a straight line and the readings of the indicator show exactly the distance traversed. By this means the surface measurements are obtained with exactness even when the ground is so rolling as to be difficult of measurement in any other fashion, but the surveying party for determining the boundary between the English and French claims in the Sierra Leone sound found that the measurements were absurdly short of the probable distances. The perambulator was trundled by one of the natives attached to the party, and after some observation it was found that they could not comprehend the reason for trundling the odometer along the ground. They were willing to make concession to the white to the extent of pushing the wheel before them so long as they were in sight, but considering the order but a foolish prejudice against the native custom of "toing" everything upon the head, they were no sooner out of sight than they adopted the more comfortable mode. It was finally found necessary to send a white man with the native to insure proper measurements.

With only a twentieth of the world's inhabitants, the United States have two-thirds (\$14,000,000,000) of the world's banking power (capital, surplus, deposits and circulation).

Submarine signalling has been tried successfully in the Mersey. The Lucania heard the bell at a distance of 9 and a half knots while she was under full speed.

Spanish women play with their dolls even after they are married and have children.

Girls of the Three Kingdoms.

The Scotch girl is inclined to view things darkly. She may love deeply, but she is certainly not an adept at showing her affection. She is a good friend, with strong ideas of duty, but a difficult person to live with. The English girl is widely different, effusive in the extreme, a good talker, a charming companion, a hospitable friend. An intelligent, well bred girl as a rule, who takes life easily, and has a fund of philosophy which enables her to bear life's severest trials without breaking down. The Irish girl is the creature of extremes, and is for the most part the prey of her emotions. She is charitable, winning in the extreme, but also dreadfully imprudent.

The smallest coin in actual circulation is a sort of wafer made from a resinous juice and used by the natives in the Malay peninsula. It has a value of one ten-thousandth of one cent. The smallest metal coin is the Portuguese 3-reis piece, worth six-twentieths of a cent, while the smallest English coin is a Gibraltar piece, the five millesima, worth one-quarter of a cent. There has been put into use in the canal zone a small silver coin worth about one penny, and this is probably the smallest silver piece ever coined.

FITSPERMANENTLY YOUNG. No fitter or nervous-looking day's work than Dr. Kline's Great Kidney Pills. Dr. R. H. Kline, Ltd., 831 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

General Trepoth is a man of most aristocratic appearance.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children. Testing, softens teething, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, 25c a bottle.

Of the 105 counties in Kansas forty-four are without a pauper.

Jamsure Pisco's Cure for Consumption saved my life three years ago.—Mrs. Thomas Rogers, Maple St., Norwich, N.Y., Feb. 17, 1900. It takes a woman with an imagination to wear the hat of the day.

To Prevent Chapped Hands. Many women who do their own work are much annoyed in winter with chapped hands. This may be avoided by using Ivory Soap for dish washing and toilet purposes. Dry the hands thoroughly each time after they have been in water and rub with a little oil or some good lotion.—ELEXOR R. PARKER.

A New French Order of Merit is on the point of being instituted.

Rich cured in 80 minutes by Woolford's Sanguinary Lotion. Mail orders promptly filled by Dr. Deichon, Crawfordsville, Ind. \$1.

Few Russian trains travel at a faster rate than twenty-two miles an hour.

Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullen is Nature's great remedy for Cures Croup, Colds, and Consumption, and all throat and lung troubles. At Druggists, 25c., 50c. and \$1.00 per bottle.

Eight months old and an acrobat; unable to walk or talk, yet possessing such startling muscular development of the arms and shoulder, that he can balance himself on his hands and with heels in the air proceed across the room—these are a few of the remarkable physical characteristics of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schnars, of Denver. Baby Schnars is no bigger in the aggregate than most other infants of 8 months of age, but the ligaments and muscles of his chest, arms and shoulders are as tiny cords of steel. He can swing from a cane held in the hands of his sire with the ease and grace of a trained trapeze performer. And when this strong-arm baby takes notice of something on the table particularly attractive or desirable to his baby eyes he does not cry for it, but creeps to the table and raises himself by climbing the leg, hand over hand. Both Mr. and Mrs. Schnars are absolute believers in the efficiency of physical culture for the building up and proper development of the human body and their theory is that the earlier these exercises are undertaken the better for the development of the individual such exercises are intended to benefit.

With an eye single to the purpose of rearing a perfectly developed child the father and mother began a gentle, but systematic and persistent training of the infant a few weeks after his birth. Neither of the parents are remarkable for any extraordinary physical development or accomplishment. They are of German descent and show the sturdy general characteristics of that race, but nothing more. But their baby boy is a wonder in muscular development about the trunk of his body and in this respect he is probably the strongest baby in the world. Otherwise he is like all healthy, normal children of 8 months of age.

Theater programmes were known even in ancient times, although they were then of a very peculiar construction. In Greece and Rome they consisted of small tablets, which were handed out to the audience at the entrance. Those occupying the best seats obtained programs beautifully worked in ivory, while those occupying the cheaper seats were given tablets in bronze. The bronze tablets were distinguished by a dove working in the metal and the term "pigeon-hole," used in Italy today as designating the lower-priced seats in the theater, dates from this antique custom.

AILING WOMEN.

Keep the Kidneys Well and the Kidneys Will Keep You Well.

Sick, suffering, languid women are learning the true cause of bad backs and how to cure them. Mrs. W. G. Davis, of Groesbeck, Texas, says: "Back-aches hurt me so I could hardly stand. Spells of dizziness and sick headache were frequent and the action of the kidneys was irregular. Soon after I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills I passed several gravel stones. I got well and the trouble has not returned. My back is good and strong and my general health better." Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

PA'S BLIGHTED BOYHOOD.

I wish I knew what my pa knew when he was just as old as me. He'd read the Bible through and through, and when it came to workin'—gee! Why, he says that when he was ten He hardly ever thought of play, But took his place behind the men And did what they did every day. He got his father's team to town And hauled the grain home from the mill, And in the evening he'd set down And learn his lessons and keep still.

It makes me sorry for poor pa. To think that he was treated so; Sometimes it almost seems that he Don't more than half believe him, though; But once when he was talkin' me About the fun he never had And how he worked, I thought that she Would cry, because she looked so sad, And then she said she wished that they'd Of let him sow his oats before. He got groved and he stayed Upstairs that night, and kicked the door.

Last summer, down at grandpa's, where They used to make pa work so hard, They told me how he'd rip and tear Around the place, and in the yard There was a tree, where grandpa said He used to practice circus tricks All day till it was time for bed. It seemed as though they'd 'dix old Nick. Around there always raisin' Ned. But grandpa come and put his hand Down kind of softly on my head And said that I would understand. He winked at grandpa and he smiled— Some day, when I would have a child.—Chicago Record-Herald.



"Sammy," asked the teacher, "what is a cameo?" "Please, ma'am, it's an animal that wears a hump."—Youth's Companion.

Father (looking at school report)—"Who is the best writer in your class, Bobby?" Bobby—"Willie Jones. All the boys in the class get him to write their excuses."

Perdition's child is he, indeed, And direst fate deserves, Who, not content to sell his soul, Must bargain off his nerves. What this he buys and sells success, 'Twill mock him more than it will bless.—Puck.

Grayce—"What are you crying about?" Gladys—"My new hat isn't becoming. All the gals—Grayce—"Say it isn't?" Gladys—"No; boo-hoo. They say it is!"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Sometimes," confided Mrs. Longwood to her intimate friend, "I think my husband is the patientest, gentlest, best-natured soul that ever lived, and sometimes I think it's merely laziness that kills him!"

Modern Child (torn between her desire to show her finery and her anxiety not to disturb her sick parent)—"Liddy, do you think it will make my papa's temperature go up if he sees my new coat and hat?"

The literature of "absent excuses" is increasing. Sometimes it is the mother who contributes to the garb of nature. "Please," Miss Gardiner, excuse Tommy for his absence, and don't whip him when he ain't there."—Century.

Bill had a bill-board. Bill also had a board bill. The board bill bored Bill so that Bill sold the bill-board to pay his board bill. So after Bill sold his bill-board to pay his board bill the board bill no longer bored Bill.—Yale Expositor.

"The wedding bells I do dislike; They make me sad," the cynic cried. "In truth they do affect me like The dismal moaning of the tied."

"Why do you want to amass all this money from street railway franchises?" asked the man of simple tastes. "So that you have an automobile," answered the street railway official, "and not have to be put to the annoyance of depending on my own street cars."—Washington Star.

Fair Visitor—"Here, my poor man, are some roses for you. What can I do to make you comfortable?" Prisoner—"Guess you're making a mistake, lady." Fair Visitor—"Mistake—how?" Prisoner—"I'm only here for porch-climbing. You'll find the guy that killed his wife in the next cell."—Cleveland Leader.

His Vacation. The man came back from his vacation with shining eyes and a tendency to laugh at the least provocation. He said he had had a good time. He said he and his wife had just been loafing from place to place. He said he hadn't bothered to think about his work, and his wife hadn't bothered to think about housekeeping.

The man has been married a good many years. His eyes haven't shone like that for a long time. He didn't laugh so much before. He went away. He seemed to be better acquainted with his wife than was noticeable before. The chances are he has been discovering her all over again in these weeks of leisure from hard work. And it's done him good.

That is one of the reasons of a vacation, and that is why a man and his wife should go away together. In the hurly-burly of the everyday routine, we sometimes lose sight of the finest things in life. We work in order that we may have the companionship of those we love best, and then we lose ourselves in the work itself, and so miss the very joys our labor was intended to purchase.

It is a good thing to run away from the work once in a while and remember what we are working for, anyway. That is what the man had been doing, and that is why he got the good out of his vacation.—Scranton Tribune.

A Novel Ad.

The following advertisement appears in a Devonshire newspaper: "Widow, no family, renting a small farm near Kingsbridge, wants a housekeeper; a chapel-going person, and one that has charity, which is the love of God, preferred, with views of marriage, if the Lord prospers my ways and she be willing. Apply," etc.

BOX OF WAFERS FREE—NO DRUGS

—CURES BY ABSORPTION. Cures Belching of Gas—Bad Breath and Bad Stomach—Short Breath—Bloating—Sour Eructations—Irregular Heart, Etc.

Take a Mull's Wafer any time of the day or night, and note the immediate good effect on your stomach. It absorbs the gas, disinfests the stomach, kills the poison germs and cures the disease. Catarrh of the head and throat, unwholesome food and overeating make bad stomachs. Scarcely any stomach is entirely free from taint of some kind. Mull's Anti-Belch Wafers will make your stomach healthy by absorbing foul gases which arise from the undigested food and by re-enforcing the lining of the stomach, enabling it to thoroughly mix the food with the gastric juices. This cures stomach trouble, promotes digestion, sweetens the breath, stops belching and fermentation. Heart action becomes strong and regular through this process.

Discard drugs, as you know from experience they do not cure stomach trouble. Try a common-sense (Nature's) method that does cure, and you will find a satisfying result instantly.

We know Mull's Anti-Belch Wafers will do this, and we want you to know it. SPECIAL OFFER.—The regular price of Mull's Anti-Belch Wafers is 50c. a box, but to introduce it to thousands of sufferers we will send two (2) boxes upon receipt of 7c. and the advertisement, or we will send you a free sample for this coupon.

12165 FREE COUPON. 129

Send this coupon with your name and address and name of a druggist who does not sell it for a free sample box of Mull's Anti-Belch Wafers to:

MULL'S GRAPE TOXIC CO., 328 Third Ave., New York City.

Give Full Address and Write Plainly.

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The historical facts concerning marriage as an institution are probably only vaguely known to the majority of people, most of whom would doubtless be surprised to learn that the institution, as we know it today, is less than 500 years old. Histories of the marriage ceremony show that it was not solemnized in church as a religious rite until the time of Pope Innocent III, A. D. 1198, and was not considered a sacrament until 1442.

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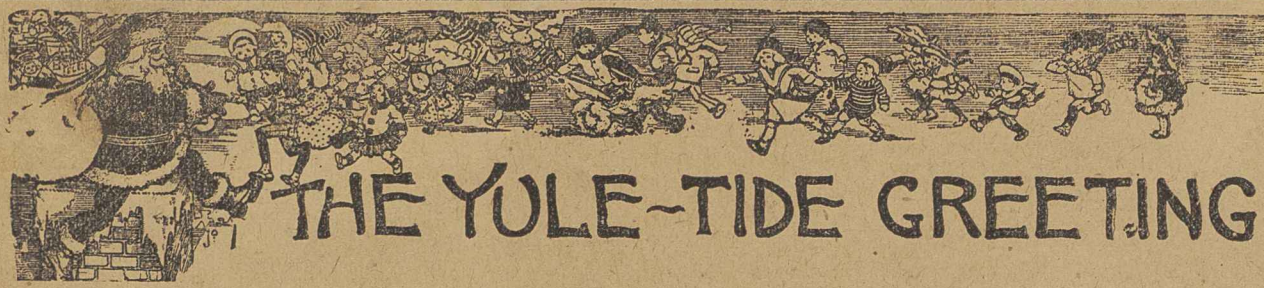
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THE YULE-TIDE GREETING

O'er the hills night shadows steal;
Scarcely a light breeze stirs;
See the Virgin mild
Clasp her new-born Child!
Round the manger shepherds kneel—
Humble worshippers.
Hark! angels sing
Round their heavenly King!
'Tis for man and not for them,
Sleeps the Babe in Bethlehem.

Thou whose head to earth is lowly
Bowed in woe and shame,
When no help seems nigh
To thy piteous cry,
Think! it was not for the holy
The Redeemer came.
Hark! angels sing
Round their heavenly King!
For earth's sinful and defiled
Comes to-night the Saviour Child.

He who to the cradle brings
One pure, generous thought,
To the infant there
Brings gifts more rare
Than the gold and myrrh the kings
Of the Orient brought.
Hark! angels sing
Round their heavenly King!
'Tis for man and not for them,
Sleeps the Babe in Bethlehem.

er" said Selma. "See the lovely felt slippers I bought you with the money Thora gave me for doing her work."

Grandmother looked down at her plate in surprise. Many gifts were arranged around it. There were the slippers, a gay little shoulder shawl, a pretty lace collar and a quaint and beautiful silk kerchief of an old pattern, which grandmother looked at in especial wonder, for never on this side of the ocean had she seen its like.

"It was my mother's," Mrs. Overson explained. "My father brought it to her from Christiania when I was a baby. She never wore it except on holidays or when her babies were christened."

"But it is not for me," remonstrated grandmother.

"Yes, for you. I want to see it tied over your head as my mother wore it. You are my mother, too, and it should be yours."

Mr. Overson kissed his wife. Christman had brought to him a happiness long desired. His wife had at last taken his mother into the heart that had been grieving for her own mother long dead.

The kerchief was tied over grandmother's head amid exclamations of delight and admiration.

"Isn't she dear and sweet?" asked Thora, smiling at the happy group.

"It is my children and grandchildren who are dear and sweet. God bless them," said grandmother reverently.—The Little Chronicle.



A Christmas Chime.

Keep time, keep time, glad Christmas chime!
Loud, louder, sing thy song sublime;
N'er half enough can e'er be told
Of that dear story, sweet and old.
With happiness and love—children, too—
List to the wondrous tale anew,
How long ago, in land afar,
The shepherds saw the shining star;
Hark! echoes strains of harp and lyre,
Attuned to thrill of angel choir.

Keep time, keep time, wild, joyful chime!
Blest heart, keep Christmas time—
Let there be none so worn and weary,
Let there be none so lone and dreary,
That thy rich music may not fill
Their hearts and minds with good and will;
With just a bit of hope and cheer,
A firmer trust in heaven near,
A sense of sacred, new-found rest,
That Jesus sleeps on Mary's breast.

Keep time, keep time, blest Christmas chime!
Repeat the message true, sublime,
Unto the mighty, to the lowly,
Unto the sinner, to the holy—
Bid them live on in gentle peace,
Their strife and hatred all to cease;
And bid them come, not as of old
With frankincense, myrrh, gems and gold,
But with the nobler—love's own offering—
Unto their God their hearts to bring.

—Kathleen Kavanagh

The Real Reason for the Mistletoe Kiss
Here is the real historic reason for a very pretty custom that should never be allowed to die out. It is the good old Christmas custom of kissing a girl when you catch her under the mistletoe. Here is the legend:

Balder, the Scandinavian god of poetry and eloquence, was protected from the violence of his enemies by the promise of everything in earth, fire and water not to harm him. The mistletoe only had not been asked, and Loke, his enemy, discovering this, got another man to shoot him with an arrow formed of it. Then all the gods and goddesses mourned grievously, because he was so greatly loved. So to the Goddess of Love the mistletoe was given to guard and keep, and every one passing underneath the bough she held kissed her as a sign that henceforth the branch was an emblem not of death, but of love.

And always intimately and affectionately attached to the mistletoe Christmas kiss is the charming old story of the wedding day of Ginevra, the beautiful daughter of the gallant Lord Lovel. The guests were assembled, the bride was joyous, radiant, even mischievous. She would hide herself, pretend she did not want nor mean to be kissed under the great mistletoe bough that hung in her father's ancestral halls.

So she ran away from the merry throng, and, spying a great oak chest that nobody ever used, slipped into it and shut the lid. Alas! it fastened with a spring that opened only from the outside. In vain she shrieked, in vain she battered her little heels against those heavy planks. That oak chest was the young bride's coffin.

The Going Forth.

Now far along the darkened sward
The winter snow is white.
I will go forth to meet my Lord
And welcome Him to-night.
The solemn stars in heaven wait;
The swaying sea is dim.
I will go out beyond my gate
And find my way to Him.

In lighted fane the choir of praise
Lift up their anthem sweet,
I will go forth along the ways
To find and clasp His feet.
To find and clasp His feet.
Across my heart the night winds moan;
My doors are opened wide.
Into the night I pass alone
To find my Christmas-tide.
—Mabel Earle, in Harper's Bazar.

At supper time when grandmother came into the sitting room after the nap that now she so often found she could not do without, she noticed the Christmas green, and a happy light came into her faded, patient eyes, but it was quickly followed by a sigh.

Then her son, the big man for whom in his childhood she had left the land of her youth, chimed her for singing. "Make glad Yule!" he cried, leading her to the head of the table, which she suddenly saw was heaped with all the Christmas goodies that had marked old Yule feasts at home in Norway.

"Make glad Yule!" shouted all the children at once, even little Lars' voice joining in the happy chorus. Then each one asked for grandmother's blessing, and when it was given with tears and smiles, they all sang a Christmas hymn in Norwegian as they sat down at the table.

"Look at your presents, grandmother!"

THORA'S HAPPY THOUGHT

BY KILBOURNE COWLES



O Christmas this year," that was what father had said to mother, Thora, who was washing the supper dishes heard him say it and she told Selma and Orlof.

"Why, Christmas must come every year," said little Selma, opening wide her big blue eyes.

"Not when the tobacco isn't sold," explained Orlof, who helped his father on the small farm. "Father's borrowed money on the crop to live on, and now the money's most gone and the crop isn't sold yet. The buyers are slow this year."

"I don't see why any one ever buys the horrid stuff," said Thora. "The smell of the leaves drying in the shed makes me sick."

"Well, next summer you won't be troubled with it, for father and I are going to put the land into sugar beets," remarked Orlof, who felt himself a man of affairs. "Then we are sure to make money, because a beet sugar factory has just been built at Jansville, and the owners will buy all the beets we can raise."

"But what's that got to do with Christmas?" asked Selma.

"There won't be any Christmas here," said Orlof, solemnly. "I knew it first, for father told grandmother this morning that there was no money to spend for nonsense, and grandmother—why, grandmother just cried. There was a suspicious moisture in the boy's own eyes. The gentle little grandmother who had never learned English, and who spent the days knitting the soft stockings and mittens that the young Oversons found so comfortable and warm during the Wisconsin winters, was very dear to Orlof and his sisters.

"There won't be many more Christmases for grandmother," sighed thoughtful Thora; "she is getting very feeble."

"Then it isn't right for us not to have Christmas this year!" exclaimed Selma. "If there aren't many Christmases left, she oughtn't to miss a single one."

"No, and we won't let her. As sure as my name Thora Overson, grandmother shall have the best Christmas this year that she's had since she left Norway. We'll earn the money for it ourselves."

"But how can we?" asked Selma. "Oh, we'll find a way," replied Thora, with a happy smile.

Perhaps Orlof and Selma went to sleep that night as soon as their flaxen heads touched their pillows, but not so with Thora. Her long yellow braids were tossing for two hours or more after she had crept into bed beside little Lars, the two-year-old baby. Her head turned from side to side as she worked out a plan in her mind that kept even the thought of sleep away. But at last, reaching to see that the covers were over the baby, she sighed contentedly and closed her tired eyes.

"You, please, wash the dishes for mother this morning, Selma, and tend to baby," she said to her sister after breakfast the next day, "for I have something else to do."

Thora went to the upper room where the children slept, and did not come down until it was time to go to school. Then she carried a little parcel, laughingly refusing to tell what it contained when Selma and Orlof asked her.

After school that afternoon she told Selma to hurry home to help get supper, for she was going to the village

on an errand. When she trudged home an hour later her mind was so full of happy thoughts and plans that the three miles of rough country roads seemed but a short, pleasant walk. Her bright cheeks and sparkling eyes were noticed by the grandmother when she came into the house.

"The little woman is happy to-night," she said in Norwegian.

"Yes, grandmother, dear," Thora answered in the same tongue, "happy and busy." She laid off her wraps and undoing the little parcel she had carried away in the morning showed her grandmother a short piece of crocheted lace of a most intricate design. "I'm going to make yards and yards of this," she said. "How glad I am that you taught me to crochet."

"But I never taught you that pattern, Thora. I know only the easy, simple edges that we made in Norway when I was young like you. Where did you learn such a beautiful pattern?"

"I lay awake for a while last night and made it up."

"Why, it's wonderful," the grandmother fingered the filmy meshes. "Is it for Christmas, dear?"

"Yes, and you mustn't ask any more questions about it, for it's a secret."



ROEDERSTEIN'S "SUFFER LITTLE CHILDREN TO COME UNTO ME."

During the few weeks before Christmas Selma learned to be quite a capable little housewife, for all the duties that Thora was in the habit of attending to fell on her shoulders. She helped her mother with cooking and baking, washed the dishes, hung out the clean clothes to dry and watched the baby faithfully.

"I like not that my Thora all the time crochets," said Mrs. Overson in her quaint English, so Norwegian in accent and construction. "But it be for my Selma good. She now learn all the things useful. When she know all, I have my Thora in the kitchen again work more."

So it was that Thora was permitted to spend the time out of school crocheting. Many were the mornings that she rose long before dawn and, quietly dressing herself so not to waken the sleeping children, sat working by candle light with fingers almost too cramped by cold to hold the slender steel crochet hook. Many were the hours that, with the lace in hand, she sat by the grandmother and listened to tales of happy Christmases beyond the seas. Again and again the aging grandmother, who lived so much in the past, described in fearful voice, the old Norwegian customs that made the Christmas tide a season of piety, joy and frolic.

"I know just how we must do everything," Thora confided to Orlof, of whom during these days she saw but little, for he was early away and home late. "We will make a Christmas that will be like she had in Norway before grandfather died."

THE MADONNA OF THE TEMPI FAMILY

Raphael (Italian; Born 1483; Died 1520).



CHALLENGE

To Government by Revolutionists --- Official Manifesto Published by Workmen's Alliance.

OTHER NEWS FROM RUSSIA.

Linevitch Cables for Aid to Suppress

Mutiny Plan to Kidnap Witte.

St. Petersburg, via Eydtkuhnen, East Prussia.—The proletariat organization united in the issuance Friday of a manifesto in which the government is openly defied. The manifesto has created a tremendous sensation and wholesale arrests are now anticipated.

In the document made public the government is declared to be bankrupt, and the people are ordered not to pay taxes and to refuse to accept anything except gold in the payment of wages. They are also warned to withdraw all their deposits from the savings banks.

New York.—A cable dispatch to the World from St. Petersburg via Hel-singors, Finland, says: "I cannot combat the growth and spread of revolutionary movement in the army, already more than half mutinous." General Linevitch telegraphed from Manchuria: "The reserves demand to be sent home immediately and refuse to take paper money. Telegraph instructions. Urgent."

The greatest secrecy is thrown over the government's answer to Linevitch, which was sent via Vladivostok.

St. Petersburg, via Eydtkuhnen, East Prussia.—It develops that among the papers of M. Krustaleff, the president of the executive committee of the workmen's council, seized at the time of his arrest, were documents which furnish evidence of a well-planned conspiracy to seize and carry off Premier Witte.

TO UPHOLD AMERICAN FLAG.

Sh. Thousand Men Ready to Uphold American Sovereignty in the Isle.

Havana.—President Reynard, of the Isle of Pines Association, in a letter to the Associated Press, said: "The last mails, from the United States brought additional guarantee of \$40,000 in cash and of men and of all the ammunition needed to defend our rights and uphold the American flag in this isle. This makes \$200,000 cash, 6,000 men and all the ammunition needed should we elect to resort to force in maintaining American sovereignty in this territory."

Secretary Andrade, when shown the above letter, was apparently undisturbed. He said the United States doubtless could be depended upon to prevent the embarkation of men and munitions of war for the Isle of Pines. Asked whether he regarded Mr. Reynard's letter as ground for prosecution, the secretary said it was a matter for the courts to decide, saying that the government would pay no attention to such statements.

Disarmament Not Practicable.

Washington.—President Roosevelt informed a delegation of Shakers that called on him that he did not think the disarmament of nations was practicable at this time. He added that he regarded a recourse to war as entirely proper in the case of a great and unprovoked wrong affecting the honor of a nation.

Murder the Jews Nikolai's Advice.

Berlin.—Advices received from St. Petersburg say that the notorious anti-Semitic agitator, Nikolai, has been reinstated in high favor at the Russian court. When the revolutionary disorders first broke out Nikolai advised the czar to arrange for the massacre of all Jews as the sole means of suppressing political discontent. Nikolai has now renewed this advice to the czar, saying such a massacre is the only means of preventing the overthrow of the monarchy. Nikolai also addressed the troops, preaching to them that Jews should be destroyed as the enemies of the fatherland.

Sensational Reports Denied.

St. Petersburg.—The official telegraph agency is authorized to state that the reports published abroad to the effect that Irkutsk, Siberia, has been in flames; that fighting has occurred between loyal and mutinous troops at Harbin, Manchuria, that another mutiny has occurred at Vladivostok and that Kharkoff and Elizabetgrad are ablaze are pure inventions.

Turkey Will Ask Russia to Pay.

Constantinople.—The sultan of Turkey has directed the Turkish ambassador to Russia to at once compile a list of all losses suffered by Turkish subjects during the recent riotings. This the porte intends to present to Russia and will demand payment of an indemnity. By so doing Turkey expects to be able to checkmate Russia in her attempt to collect her old war indemnity.

A BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED

By Shearn Calling for Reopening of All Ballot Boxes—Litigation to Continue.

New York.—A novel plan for forcing a recount of the votes in the fight of William R. Hearst against the reelection of Mayor McClellan has been announced by Clarence J. Shearn Mr. Hearst's personal counsel.

"We shall have a bill introduced in the legislature providing for a recount of all the ballots cast in the election in the city," said Mr. Shearn.

"It will not be in the form of an amendment to the election law, which would be retroactive, but it will provide for the reopening of all the ballot boxes for a recount in view of the evidence already obtained that there was fraud in the count. The recount will be for discovering the extent of the fraud, not for correcting the extent of the fraud."

"Not by correction. The returns have been canvassed, but we can make use of the information obtained by the recount later in quo warranto proceedings to oust the mayor from his office."

"Will you withdraw proceedings in the courts meanwhile, so that Mayor McClellan can get a certificate of election and be sworn in again as mayor before January 1?" was asked.

"No. We shall continue the fight to have the returns corrected so as to agree with the tally sheets and to have other corrections made on account of void and protested ballots which were counted illegally."

"Are you also to ask for an investigation of the election by a committee of the legislature?"

"Certainly we shall. The bill for a recount and the resolution for an investigation will be prepared and presented to the legislature together."

Interest at the moment centers in the forthcoming ginners' report to be issued Wednesday next, the 20th inst., by the census department at 1 o'clock p. m. our time.

There is, of course, a difference of opinion between forecasts of bulls and bears of the figures to be shown by this report. It may be said, however, that the average consensus of opinion seems to crystallize around 9,300,000 bales as ginned up to the 13th, and this would call for an average ginning of about 60,000 bales per day for the number of working days covered by the period of the report.

The bears would have it appear that figures of 9,150,000 are bearish, but from information received from primary sources it seems to be established that the total amount of cotton ginned up to the 13th inst. will represent at least 92 per cent of the total crop grown, and this being the case, figures of 9,300,000 could not properly be considered as bearish.

The action of producers in holding firmly for full quotations and the above indicates no uneasiness in the spot department, and the gradual marketing of cotton on a profitable basis will assure permanence of values around the present level as a minimum and justify higher prices as the season progresses.

Liverpool the past two days has shown a disposition in spot purchases and in the course of futures to recognize existing bullish conditions, and, although spinners' takings recently have not been so heavy, consumption is progressing at an undiminished rate and stocks will necessarily have to be replenished in the near future. We believe that spinners will soon begin to realize that he who buys first will buy cheapest. Our advice, therefore, to producers and merchants is to hold firm for higher prices and thus contribute to the additional prosperity of the South by demanding and receiving full values for the main agricultural staple.

In case of further declines before the issuance of the ginners' report we recommend purchases of futures for a substantial advance.

W. L. SIMS,
Manager Birmingham, Ala., Office.

Cooper Building Burned.

New York.—The Cooper building, a five-story structure at Fulton and Bedford, Brooklyn, with stores on the first floor and offices on the upper, was destroyed by fire Thursday morning. The loss will exceed \$150,000, including an art collection of the value of \$30,000, owned by Senator Charles Cooper. After the fire was extinguished the police and members of the Third regiment guarded the safe of the Brooklyn Trust Company, in which was between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000.

May Postpone Peace Meeting.

St. Petersburg, via Eydtkuhnen.—It is believed the czar will request the powers to postpone the second peace conference which he called to meet at The Hague, unless the Russian situation materially improves shortly. The tentative date set for the conference was the middle of next May.

Children Burn.

Greensburg, Pa.—During the absence from home of John Tusco and wife their house was destroyed by fire. Two children left asleep were burned to death.

Suffrage Don't Go.

St. Petersburg, via Eydtkuhnen.—The government has rejected the proposal for the formation of a constituent assembly to deal with the subject of universal suffrage.

RESCUED JUST IN TIME

Lightship Went Down, But All the Crew Were Saved.

USED WIRELESS TO SUMMON AID

Thirteen Men on Nantucket South Shoal Vessel Tied Ont Water by Hand For Twenty-four Hours—Tender Azalea Started to Tow the Lightship to New Bedford, But the Latter Foundered.

New Bedford, Mass.—Persistent hailing by hand for twenty-four weary hours, while waiting the arrival of help summoned by wireless telegraphy, saved the lives of the thirteen men on board the Nantucket South Shoal relief lightship No. 58, but the vessel went down a few minutes after the crew had tumbled over the side into their lifeboat.

For six hours the lightship tender Azalea, which had answered the call for help, lay alongside the waterlogged lightship, unable to render assistance, owing to the fearful sea. At length the weather moderated, and the effort was made to tow the lightship to New Bedford. But, after eighteen miles had been covered, the water, which had been coming in steadily through a leak in the fire-room compartment, gained rapidly on the already exhausted crew, and the distress signal was hoisted.

Without stopping for any of their belongings, the crew launched their boat and jumped into it. They had moved only a short distance when No. 58 plunged beneath the waves. The men were pulled out board the Azalea, which had stemmed back to rescue them, and they were brought here safe and sound.

Relief lightship No. 58, commanded by Capt. Jorgenson, of Dennis, took the place of No. 72 on December 5. The vessel was equipped with wireless telegraphy, and constant communication could be kept up with Newport. At two o'clock the other morning a leak was discovered just above the fire-room plates in the midship compartment. For many hours, several hours the vessel was kept free by aid of her steam pumps, but at eight o'clock it was apparent that the water was gaining, and a message was sent to Newport for aid.

During the next few hours the water rose rapidly, until the fire-room boiler had been quenched and pumping by mechanical means ceased. Several messages were sent after the dynamo stopped, by means of storage batteries, all urging that some vessel be sent as soon as possible.

During all this time the little lightship had been tumbled about in one of the severest storms of the season. Realizing that hand-bailing might possibly keep the vessel afloat until help arrived, the thirteen men started the tedious work of hoisting the water from the flooded hold by buckets, the hand-pumps being of little use. Without stopping for food or sleep, they managed to hold their own for twenty-four hours.

At two o'clock in the morning, one of the naval wireless operators was able to send out one more message stating that the lightship was in distress, and urging that help be sent "from anywhere." The power gave out before he could sign the message. Two hours later the Azalea, which has been the tender for the lightships on this station for many years, was sighted by the light of the setting moon.

At ten o'clock the sea, under the influence of the northwester which had followed the easterly storm, calmed down to a moderate roll, and a line was sent to the lightship from the Azalea. Capt. Jorgenson hailed Capt. Gibbs on the tender, and said he thought his men could keep the vessel afloat until she reached New Bedford, although the middle compartment was nearly full of water. The line from the Azalea was made fast. Still the crew continued to bail, and much greatly exhausted by their hard labors.

It was about noon when after eighteen miles had been covered, Capt. Jorgenson hoisted the distress signals on the lightship, and the towing stopped. The Azalea ran back toward the sinking vessel, while the crew of the lightship pushed their lifeboat over the side. Capt. Jorgenson was the last to leave his ship. Ten minutes later No. 58 plunged beneath the waves.

The crew rowed around on the leeward side of the wreck, and were dragged aboard, almost too exhausted to stand. They were sent below, warmed, fed, and then put to bed. The wireless outfit on the lightship was valued at \$2500.

KILLED IN THEATRE RIOT.

Audience Turns on Claque For Applauding Unpopular Actor.

Madrid, Spain.—The persistence of the claque in applauding an unpopular actor at the Royal Opera House, Seville, led from hissing by the rest of the audience to the throwing of missiles.

A fight with canes, chairs and bottles followed. Finally armed gentlemen cleared the theatre. Two persons whose skulls were fractured, died in the hospital. The members of the claque were arrested.

House Passes Canal Bill.

Secretary Taft's request for an emergency appropriation of \$16,500,000 for Panama Canal work was cut to \$11,000,000 by the House, at Washington, D. C., and passed.

Killed by Bullet Wound.

With a bullet hole in his right side W. D. Johnson was found dead in North Birmingham, Ala., with nothing to show who fired the shot.

Garrison's Anniversary.

The 100th anniversary of the birth of William Lloyd Garrison was observed in Boston, Mass., and New York City.

Takahira Off For Japan.

Mr. Takahira, the Japanese Minister, left Washington, D. C., for Tokio.

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Answered.

A "purported" correspondent for the Sentinel asks some questions of the Advocate which we answer in this issue.

Question 1. What kind of contract was made for the court house?

Answer. No contract was made for the court house. The commissioners court reserved the court house when the lot was sold, and the officers will occupy it until a new court house is erected and ready for occupancy.

Question 2. What amount does contract call for taxpayers to pay?

Answer. \$71,890.

Question 3. What is the contract price for the court house?

Answer. \$71,890.

Question 4. How much in addition to the original contract price are the marble trimmings to cost?

Answer. There are no marble trimmings.

Question 5. Who of the commissioners voted for the marble trimmings and who voted against this folly?

Answer. As stated to question four there are no marble trimmings and therefore none of the commissioners voted for or against marble trimmings.

Question 6. How much is to be paid for getting Shelby county warrants cashed to pay for the marble mansion?

Answer. Not a dollar was paid to anyone to get Shelby county warrants cashed.

Question 7. Why Shelby county should pay anything for getting her warrants cashed?

Same answer as to question six.

Question 8. Who of the commissioners protested against this extravagance?

Answer. Not one of the commissioners protested against the extravagance as you call it. The only question considered, was one of ability; all the commissioners admitted and stated that the marble was much more substantial than brick, and Mr. Posey, was afraid the county was not able to build such a court house, but there was no protest by any one of the commissioners, and if "Tax payer" will come down here we will introduce him to one of the commissioners who tried to have a non fireproof court house built which would have saved about twenty thousand dollars, and he could not get his motion seconded. This commissioner was not a Democrat. Let "Taxpayer" come down and we will open his eyes.

Notice.

To delinquent subscribers:

Come in and pay what you owe the Advocate between now and January 1st. It takes money and hard work to run a newspaper, and we kindly ask those who are delinquent to come forward as we need the money.

Pay your poll tax and become a qualified voter.

Every man in the Farmers Union should stick to his promise.

Cotton is being held by quite a number of our farmers for fifteen cents, and we believe they will get it by the first of January.

The Christmas edition of the Montgomery Advertiser was brought out Sunday, and it is a credit to Montgomery as well as the State at large.

A stock law election will be held in beats 1, 8 and 11 on Tuesday, the 6th day of February, 1906, to determine whether or not stock will be allowed to run at large.

The Tax Assessor and Collector will be found in the grand jury room in Columbiana from Dec. 18th to Jan. 1st, except Dec. 25th and 26th, and all parties that want to pay taxes can come in and settle. Also remember to pay your poll tax when you pay your state and county taxes.

Mrs. M. S. Carter Dead.

On last Friday night Mrs. M. S. Carter, one of Shelby's best known and most highly respected ladies, died at her home in that city. She had been in feeble health for some time, but her condition was not thought to be serious and her death was a shock to the immediate family as well as her many friends. She had been a consistent member of the Methodist church for a number of years, and was a devout christian woman and in her death the church has lost one of its most faithful members and the community in which she lived one of its most worthy women. She leaves a husband, three sons and a large number of relatives and friends to mourn her death.

The funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon from her late residence by Rev. G. F. Harris, of this city, after which the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Shelby. The Advocate, together with many friends, extends sincere sympathy to the bereaved family in this sad hour of grief.

Locals.

Be sure and read the advertisements in this week's paper.

The Harry T. Butterworth Company will appear at the College Hall Monday night, Jan. 8th.

The Columbiana Graded School turned out Wednesday for the holidays, and will open again Wednesday, Jan. 3rd.

Miss Ethel Early, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. S. Dowell, will leave to-day for her home at Aulander, N. C.

Installation of officers of the K. of P. Lodge of Columbiana will take place Friday night at the College Hall. The public in general invited to attend.

Misses Sara Lee Harden and Woodie Williamson, of Rome, Ga., will arrive in the city Friday, and will be the guests of Misses Zema and Clara Pitts during the holidays.

When you want a pleasant laxative take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale by Williams Bros.

Honor Roll.

The following is the honor roll of Harpersville school for month ending Dec. 18th, 1905:

Tenth Grade—J. C. Borum.
Seventh Grade—Hancel Caldwell.

Sixth Grade—Mary Kyle Caldwell, Mary Posey, Willie Caldwell, Frank Myatt, Effie Myatt, Emily Looney.

Fifth Grade—Bennie Weathers, Myrtle Atkinson, Fannie Lee Hatcher, May Dooby, Nettie Bell Dooby.

Fourth Grade—Beverly Lee, Alluta Cater, Carmie Downs, Rose Bud East, Rubie Hatcher, Leon Kidd, Perl Russell, Isaac Stone, Jennie Stone.

Third Grade—James Hatcher, Mallory Darby, William Borrough, Fannie Carter.

Second Grade—Ella East, T. J. Flory, Carter Florey, Matthew Barber.

First Grade—Joe Lee, Jessie Connell, Annie Connell.

C. H. FLOREY, Principal.

In Mad Chase.

Millions Rush in mad chase after

happiness from one extreme of faddism

to another, when if they would only

eat good food and keep the bowels

regular with Dr. King's New Life

Pills their troubles would all pass

away. Prompt relief and quick cure

for liver and stomach trouble. 25c at

the City Drug Store; guaranteed.

W. A. Crowson Dead.

W. A. Crowson, a well known

citizen of Shelby county, died at

his home at Nelson on Tuesday

night, Dec. 12th, of pneumonia.

He was sick only a few days and

suffered great pain. He would

have been 58 years old the 13th of

February next. He was a christ-

ian gentleman and was liked by all

who knew him. He leaves a wife,

eleven children and a number of

relatives to mourn his death. The

Advocate extends sympathy to the

bereaved family.

The Key That Unlocks the Door to

Long Living.

The men of eighty-five and ninety

years of age are not the round well

built, but thin spare men who live on

Liberty.

Health of community good.

We are sorry to state that W. A.

Tidmore, who had been sick for some

time is not improving much.

Mark Simmons and Willie Black-

by were seen going down the road

Sunday much to the delight of two

young ladies.

Will Forester, of Calvary, was the

guest of Lee Davison Sunday.

W. A. Adams and wife of Birming-

ham, are visiting relatives here.

J. O. Holcome and W. Carden went

to Columbiana one day last week.

Frank Chesser was the happy es-

port of Miss Eva Wilder Sunday.

F. M. Baldwin and wife visited

in our community Sunday.

We learn there will be a Christmas

tree at Center Saturday night.

SANTA CLAUSE.

Torture of a Preacher.

The story of the torture of Rev. O.

D. Moore, pastor of the Baptist church

of Harpersville, N. Y., will interest

you. He says: "I suffered agonies

because of a persistent cough, result-

ing from the grip. I had to sleep

sitting up in bed. I tried many

remedies without relief until I took

Dr. King's New Discovery for Con-

sumption Coughs and Colds, which

entirely cured my cough and saved

me from consumption." A grand

cure for diseased conditions of the

throat and lungs. At the City Drug

Store, price 50 cents and \$1.00, guaran-

teed. Trial bottle free.

New Bethesda.

Health of community very good.

Rev. I. J. Davis filled his regular

appointment at Center Hill Sunday.

We are sorry to state that Mrs.

V. A. Davis is no better.

Mrs. Mary Blackberry spent Sunday

with J. W. Davis and family.

Alva Hataway passed through our

community Sunday.

E. F. Davis went to see his best

girl Sunday.

Tim Bataway spent Sunday with

his sister, Mrs. B. L. Davis.

John Joiner passed through our

community Sunday.

J. G. Davis and son went to Colum-

biana Monday.

Henry Davis and family spent

Sunday with K. H. Davis and family.

Frank Moore spent Sunday with

J. E. Moore and family.

Van Howell spent Sunday with D.

L. Davis and family.

Jim Davis spent Sunday with

friends on Beeswax.

Miss Jane Howell paid Mrs. M. J.

Foster a short call Monday.

EXTRA GIRL.

Furious Fighting.

"For seven years" writes Geo. W.

Hoffman, of Harper, Wash., "I had a

bitter battle with chronic stomach

and liver trouble, but at last I won

and cured my disease by the use of

Electric Bitters. I unhesitatingly recom-

mend them to all and don't intend

in the future to be without them in the

house. They are certainly a wonder-

ful medicine to have cured such a bad

case as mine." Sold under guarantee

to do the same for you by the City

Drug Store at 50c a bottle. Try them

today.

Card of Thanks.

Editor Advocate:

Please allow me space in your

paper to thank our neighbors and

friends for the kind attention shown

us during the short illness of our

husband and father, and most espe-

cially the physician who so kindly gave

all the medical attention in his

power.

Mrs. S. E. Crowson and Children.

A Certain Cure For Croup.

When a child shows symptoms of

croup there is no time to experiment

with new remedies, no matter how

highly they may be recommended.

There is one preparation that can

always be depended upon. It has

been in use for many years and has

never been known to fail, viz: Cham-

berlain's Cough Remedy. Mr. M. F.

Campion of Market, Tex., says of it:

"I have used Chamberlain's Cough

Remedy in several cases of croup with

my children and can truthfully say

it always gives prompt relief." For

sale by Williams Bros.

Notice.

I shall proceed to sell at my

place near Longview on Saturday,

Dec. 30th, household and kitchen

furniture, farming tools, one set of

blacksmith tools and one rubber

tire buggy.

WALTER OZLEY.

A Fearful Fate.

It is a fearful fate to have to endure

the terrible tortures of Piles. "I can

truthfully say" writes Harry Colson,

of Masonville, Ia., "that for Blind,

Bleeding, Itching and Protruding

Piles, Bucklen's Arnica Salve is the

best cure made." Also best for cuts,

burns and injuries. 25c at the City

Drug Store.

Go To

J. W. Johnston's

and get a Good Flour for \$4.00

per barrel. If you can do better

— go some where else. —

To Hunters.

If you would know of a country

which abounds in turkey, duck,

quail, squirrels and other small

game, with many a good chance at

deer, get a copy of the new booklet

"Feathers and Fins on the Frisco"

It tells about Hunting and Fishing

in the Ozarks and in the St. Fran-

cis Valley. Sent free on request

by A. Hilton, General Passenger

Agent Frisco System, St. Louis,

Mo.

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SALE CONTINUES!

Friends Not to be Deprived of Advantages on Account of Bad Weather.

The inclement weather deprived many of our friends from visiting the SALE of the Columbiana Mercantile Company in person, and were thus denied the RIGHT to get the VALUES A DOLLAR could under *No Consideration* HERETOFORE OFFER. Mail after mail requested us to extend the length of the SALE, and as we are the "Workingman's Friend and the Farmers' Protector," we decided to continue the SALE one week longer, and have slashed prices even more than on previous occasions. The Columbiana Mercantile Company will offer the balance of their High Grade Merchandise at values beyond the pale of ordinary expression.

\$50,000

— Worth of Seasonable Merchandise to be distributed by Saturday.

December 23, 1905.

ONLY A WEEK LONGER

In which to reap the harvest of the Columbiana Mercantile Company. The Gigantic Removal Sale must end by Saturday, December 23, 1905. Read these few Extra Special Matchless Bargains. Hundreds of others equally attractive—some better, await your inspection.

SILK DEPARTMENT.		DRESS GOODS.	
500 yards silk, worth \$1.00 and \$1.25 per yard, American Salvage Co's price	59c	Outings	3 1/2c.
36 inch black taffeta silk sold the world over for \$1.50 and \$1.75. American Salvage Co's price	89c	Best Outings	8c.
		2000 yards Dress Prints	4c.
		Standard Gingham 7 1/2c kind, American Salvage Co's price 5c.	
		Heavy Cotton Flannel	6c.
MENS OVERCOATS.			
Big lot of Men's Overcoats worth \$12.50 the world over, American Salvage Co's price	\$6.48	100 Long Coat Jackets in light shades, strictly up to date, worth \$12.50, American Salvage Co's price	\$6.98
		50 Ladies New Style Croynettes, worth \$12.50, American Salvage Co's price	\$6.48
		GROCERIES.	
500 pairs Ladies Fine Shoes, worth \$2.00 and \$2.25. American Salvage Co's price	97c	Arbuckle & Co's Best Coffee, American Salvage Co, price 13c.	
		25lbs Y. C. Sugar at	\$1.00
		150 pairs Men's and Boy's Shoes, worth \$2.00 to \$3.00, American Salvage Co's price	\$1.29
		Boy's Suits worth \$2.50 and \$3.00. American Salvage Co's price	\$1.19
		Splendid Runabout Buggies worth \$42.60 (only a few left) American Salvage Co's price	\$28.48
		Another lot worth \$55.00, American Salvage Co's, price	44.48

DRAGGING

down pains are a symptom of the most serious trouble which can attack a woman, viz. falling of the womb. With this, generally, come irregular, painful, scanty or profuse periods, wasteful, weakening drains, dreadful backache, headache, nervousness, dizziness, irritability, tired feeling, inability to walk, loss of appetite, color and beauty. The cure is

WINE OF CARDUI Woman's Relief

that marvelous, curative extract, or natural essence, of herbs, which exerts such a wonderful strengthening influence on all female organs. Cardui relieves pain, regulates the menses, stops drains and stimulates the muscles to pull the womb up into place.

It is a safe and permanent cure for all female complaints.

WRITE US A LETTER

In strictest confidence, telling us all your troubles. We will send free advice (in plain sealed envelope). Address: Ladies' Advisory Dept., The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

"I SUFFERED AWFUL PAIN

in my womb and ovaries," writes Mrs. Naomi Baker of Webster Groves, Mo., "and my menses were very painful and irregular. Since taking Cardui I feel like a new woman, and do not suffer as I did."

HAMNER GROCERY CO.,

(SUCCESSORS TO ROBERTS & ROBERTSON.)

Will fill your orders for anything in
STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES.

Celebrated brands of Canned Goods and Cereals always

on hand. Xmas Goods in abundance, at prices

that will startle you. Presents for all ages.

REMEMBER Your order will receive prompt
attention and will be duly appreciated.

HAMNER GROCERY CO.,

Columbiana, Ala.

PHONE NO. 20.



HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED BY US.

The Shoe With a World Wide Reputation,

A Shoe Which Never Fails to Make the Feet Glad.

Guaranteed To Be As Represented.

THERE'S NO BETTER.
THEY ARE THE BEST.

WE WOULD ALSO REMIND YOU THAT OUR

Grocery Stock

Is new and fresh and contains nothing but the very best in

that line.

Farmers: Get Your Seed Oats at Our Store.

Thompson & Riddle,

Columbiana, Alabama.

and you will get the News.

ADVOCATE

Telephone No. 23

Social and Local News.

Next Monday is Christmas.

Paul Rich, of Calais, was in town Monday.

Pay for your Advocate before January 1st.

James Albright, of Fourmile, was in town Saturday.

E. W. Holland, of Wilsonville, was in the city Monday.

James M. Allen, of Quito, was in town Saturday on business.

N. L. Evans was in Birmingham last Thursday buying mules.

R. S. Lewis, of Sterrett, was in the city Monday on business.

M. B. Smith and wife, of Longview, spent Monday in town.

Clarence Smith was down from Wilsonville a few hours Sunday.

J. J. Keith and W. B. Seale, of Shelby, spent Saturday in the city.

S. R. McClellan, of Quito, was among the visitors in town Saturday.

We had several days of rainy weather last week, and also plenty of mud.

Mrs. W. F. Davis spent a short while in Montevallo Sunday afternoon.

Circuit Clerk J. R. Dyke, returned Friday from a business trip to Texas.

Rev. C. C. Heard preached two interesting sermons at the Baptist church Sunday.

Rev. S. R. Lester, of Birmingham, spent last Saturday in the city on business.

Rev. C. C. Heard has moved to the residence of W. P. Gilbert on East College street.

E. H. Walls, of Birmingham, spent a few days in the city this week with friends.

W. T. Johnson, Esq., of Helena, was in town one day last week on professional business.

Come to Columbiana and buy your Christmas goods. Our merchants have all kinds.

There was quite a number of visitors in town Monday, most of them buying Xmas goods.

The James Shelby's show did not give an exhibition here last Thursday on account of rain.

Rev. G. T. Harris will preach at the Methodist church Sunday. Everybody invited to attend.

J. T. Crawford and family, of Beat 9, left Tuesday for Henderson, Tex., their future home.

Pay your poll tax so you will be able to vote in the stock law election and also the election next year.

Several fine hogs have been killed around the city this fall, most of them weighing over 400 pounds.

A. P. Brasher, of Bridgeton, was in town Saturday, and while here renewed his subscription to the Advocate.

The American Farmer and Peoples Advocate, both one year for \$1.00. This offer only good until Feb. 1st, 1906.

Miss Lude Gibson, who has been attending the Columbiana Graded School, left for her home in Selma Sunday to spend the holidays.

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Remember This!

Low Prices Not A Accident With Us.

There is no strange or startling reason for our

LOW PRICES.

The reason is this: Our goods are always FRESH and the BEST the market affords. Then again, we are not sleeping when market prices are low. We take advantage of fluctuation at the low market. This is why you can always purchase the BEST GOODS at LOWEST PRICES here. Prices we quote do seem Unreasonably Low to those who have been paying much more for the same goods elsewhere, but we give everybody a chance to prove us by giving you your MONEY'S WORTH or your money back. We would appreciate your trade, not the extra profit, but

Your Trade.

Come and be Convinced.

YOURS FOR BUSINESS,

ATKINSON, BIRD & CO.

Now is the time to pay your subscription.

Walter Ozley, of Longview, was in town one day last week.

J. H. Farr, of Calvary, was among the visitors here Monday.

H. S. Latham, of Montevillo, was in the city Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Henry Latham is visiting relatives in Montevallo for a few days.

Mrs. J. R. Dyke returned last Friday from a visit to relatives at Vincent.

Miss Myra Browne spent Saturday and Sunday in Montevallo with friends.

Miss Lallage Longshore will leave Thursday for Atlanta, Ga., to visit relatives.

Mrs. W. F. Davis and Mrs. H. M. Roberts spent a few days in Birmingham last week.

Mrs. H. W. Nelson visited her daughter, Mrs. F. M. Wilkins, at Wilsonville a few days last week.

Postmaster F. E. Crowe, of Montevallo, was in the city Wednesday of last week on business.

The city council was in regular session Monday, but we failed to find out what was done by that body.

The three Sunday schools of this place will have a Christmas tree at the court house next Monday night.

Commissioners Shaw, Griffin, Posey and Dykes were town Monday and Tuesday attending a call meeting of the court.

Dr. A. T. Rowe and Miss Carrie Rowe will leave Saturday for Columbus, Ga., to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

In this issue will be found the change in the advertisement of the City Drug Store. Read what they have to say about holiday goods.

C. B. Horton and Will Black, of Longview, were in town one day last week, and while here subscribed for the Advocate another year.

Misses Zemma and Clara Pitts, who are attending Shorter College at Rome, Ga., will arrive Friday to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

W. J. Nichols and family, who have been living at Okolona, Miss., for the past year, returned to Columbiana last Thursday. Mr. Nichols says that Shelby county is good enough for him.

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HOLIDAY GOODS AT COST!

We Have Had a Large Stock

— OF —

HOLIDAY GOODS

and so far, we have had the busiest Holiday season this store has ever had, still we find that our stock is not yet exhausted. Rather than to carry these goods over, we have decided to sell every item in this line

AT COST.

THIS SALE BEGINNING THURSDAY,

DECEMBER 21st, 1905.

Remember that these are Brand New Goods, the pick of this year's productions and well worth the price for which they will be SOLD.

Come And See Us.

The City Drug Store, Latham & Bird, Proprietors.

AUCTION SALE!

Shelby Springs, Saturday, December 23.

Sale Begins at 10 A. M.

And Continues Until Everything is Sold at Your Own Price.

1 Thoroughbred Jersey Cow.
6 Young Hogs. One Fine Mare.
1 Fine Grade Jersey Cow, calf one week old.
Bedsteads, Springs and Mattresses, two Folding Couches.
Rocking Chairs, Spring Cots, Sheets, Pillow Slips, Bed Spreads.
Blankets, New Sewing Machine, New Rogers Silver Knives.
Forks and Spoons; Lamps, Kitchen Utensils, etc.
1 New Disk Riding Plow.
1 New Jones Mowing Machine
1 Sure Hatch Incubator.
Worthington Steam Pump. Lot of Pipe.
Tools, Garden Swing, Two Seat Surrey.
Platform and Counter Scales
Dishes, Glasses, and Bedroom Crockery.
Ewers, Basins, Mirrors, Slop Jars, etc.

CUT THIS OUT, IT WILL NOT APPEAR AGAIN.

MRS. LEILA B. MACKNIGHT,
Shelby Springs Hotel.

Hon. J. L. Webb, President

Home office—Athens, Ga.

John A. Dorwin, Sec. & Treas.

THE SHELBY COUNTY DIVISION OF The Mutual Life Industrial Association OF GEORGIA.

PROTECTION AT HOME FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

OFFICERS:

Dr. B. H. Smothers, President
Wilsonville, Ala.

A. P. Longshore, Judge of Probate, Secretary and Treasurer, Co.
Columbiana, Ala.



The Poor Man's Friend.

Insurance at actual cost. Insurance that suits the masses. Insurance for men and women from sixteen to sixty. One thousand members constitute a Division. One thousand dollars the limit of Policy. Money kept at home in your local bank. Paid to the member that dies as soon as satisfactory proof of death is received at home office. One-fourth of the amount due on the Policy can be paid within twenty-four hours and the remainder in thirty days.

Cost to Join.

Class A—Ages 16 to 30	\$4.00
Class B—Ages 30 to 40	5.00
Class C—Ages 40 to 50	6.00
Class D—Ages 50 to 55	7.00
Class E—Ages 55 to 60	8.00

The above membership fees are paid only one time. Of these amount one dollar shall be placed in the hands of the local Secretary and Treasurer as an advanced assessment to meet the first death loss in advanced Division.

One year from the date of policy and annually thereafter the annual dues are:

Class A—Ages 16 to 30	\$1.00
Class B—Ages 30 to 40	1.25
Class C—Ages 40 to 50	1.50
Class D—Ages 50 to 55	1.75
Class E—Ages 55 to 60	2.00

When a member dies each policy holder pays to the local Secretary and Treasurer within thirty days, \$1.15. If no death, none needed.

DEATH OF GEO. W. DAVIS, OF VINCENT, SHELBY COUNTY, ALA.

Deceased was a consistent member of the church, a loving husband, kind and affectionate father and good citizen. The best investment of his life was a policy in the Shelby County Division of the Mutual Life and Industrial Association of Georgia, which will be a great benefit to the widow and four children who would have been left in very straitened circumstances without said policy. To the policy holders respond cheerfully and promptly to the assessment of only \$1.15 and place in bank \$1,000 to be paid your wife and children should your labor, by providence be taken away from them.

T. A. LEATHERS, Division Agent.

Reliable Men Wanted to Represent this Popular Company. Apply to
GEO. M. WEBB, State Agent for Alabama.

2430 5th Avenue,
Birmingham, Alabama.

or T. A. LEATHERS,
Division Agent, Columbiana, Ala.

Notice No. 26154.

Notice For Publication.

Department of the Interior, land office at Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 20, 1905.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Clerk of Circuit Court at Columbiana, Ala., on Jan. 9th, 1906, viz: James M. Gilbert, Homestead entry No. 34402, for the e half of ne qr, sw qr of ne qr, section 24, tp 19, s 2 w, r 2 e. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said lands, viz: F. P. Sorrel, W. C. Brasher, G. L. Maske, W. L. Coats, all of Quito, Ala.

ROBERT BARBER,
Register.

Notice No. 26255.

Notice For Publication.

Department of the Interior, land office at Montgomery, Ala., November 27, 1905.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Clerk of Circuit Court at Columbiana, Ala., on January 13, 1906, viz: James M. Gilbert, Homestead entry No. 34402, for the e half of ne qr, sw qr of ne qr, section 24, tp 19, s 2 w, r 2 e. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Frank Sorrels, Thomas Brasher, Ellick Brasher, Jack Brasher, all of Quito, Ala.

ROBERT BARBER,
Register.

Notice No. 26354.

Notice For Publication.

Department of the Interior, land office at Montgomery, Ala., November 27, 1905.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Clerk of Circuit Court at Columbiana, Ala., on January 13, 1906, viz: John M. Shoemaker, Homestead entry No. 36010, for the south half of the sw qr of sec. 8, tp 20, s of c 2 w. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Monroe M. Attaway, Mel Cox, William W. Kendrick, J. W. Elkins, all of Pelham, Ala.

ROBERT BARBER,
Register.

Notice of Guardian Sale.

Under and by virtue of an order and decree entered on the first day of December, 1905, by the Hon. A. P. Longshore, Judge of Probate, in and for Shelby county, I will sell at Calera, Ala., on the 23rd day of December, 1905, between the legal hours of sale, an undivided (two-fifths) two fifths interest in the following lot in Calera, Ala., described as follows: Lot No. 462, fronting 50 feet on Gardner street, running back 150 feet to an alley, according to Dare's survey, situated in the town of Calera, Shelby county, Ala. Said lot belonging to Mary L. Moss and Geo. P. Moss, minors, and will be sold for the maintenance of said minors.

W. H. Moss,
Guardian.

Notice!

I have opened up a blacksmith and repair shop at the Tinney old shop near the Methodist parsonage, and have two men to run the same. Your patronage solicited. Satisfaction guaranteed.

W. W. ALBRIGHT,
Columbiana, Ala.

